

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Tulane University Day at the La. House of Representatives and commends Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and to designate
3 Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Tulane University Day at the Louisiana House of
4 Representatives.

5 WHEREAS, founded in 1834, Tulane University is one of the most highly regarded
6 and selective independent research universities in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Tulane traces its origins to the Medical College of Louisiana, founded
8 in 1834 by seven young doctors as the Deep South's second-oldest medical school, which
9 by 1847 was part of the newly established public institution, the University of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Tulane University is among the top national universities in the United
11 States, ranked fiftieth among the best national universities and in the top twenty-four for its
12 service learning programs by *U.S. News and World Report*; and

13 WHEREAS, Tulane was ranked sixth among "Up-and-Coming" schools by *U.S.*
14 *News and World Report* and forty-second in its "High School Counselor's Picks"; and

15 WHEREAS, Tulane is the nation's only university with a School of Medicine, School
16 of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a National Institutes of Health-funded National
17 Primate Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Tulane University has provided medical care for tens of thousands of
19 patients at Charity Hospital and educated thousands of future physicians through medical
20 student training and residency programs at Charity and University hospitals; and

1 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2006, Tulane became the first research university in the
2 nation to have a public service requirement for all undergraduates; and

3 WHEREAS, Tulane has been named by the Corporation for National and
4 Community Service to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for
5 an unprecedented six consecutive years; and

6 WHEREAS, Tulane's Center for Public Service piloted the "Together for Tomorrow"
7 program in 2011 to engage AmeriCorps VISTA members with area schools to form
8 innovative partnerships with the community and elementary and secondary schools,
9 contributing more than ten thousand hours of service; and

10 WHEREAS, Tulane students have contributed thirty-nine thousand service hours to
11 educational programs in New Orleans; and

12 WHEREAS, the Cowen Institute for Public Education's AdvanceNola program has
13 more than doubled the number of students taking Advanced Placement math, science, and
14 English courses in high schools with more than six hundred students enrolled in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, thirty-three percent of African American students in Louisiana taking
16 Advanced Placement tests in 2012 are participants in Tulane's AdvanceNola program; and

17 WHEREAS, the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center has opened in the
18 location of the original Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and will provide care to those in New
19 Orleans who are underinsured or uninsured; and

20 WHEREAS, Tulane is at the forefront of university-led efforts to incorporate social
21 entrepreneurship into both academic and research programs, as well as through community
22 engagement; and

23 WHEREAS, beginning in 2012, Tulane will offer the first university-wide
24 undergraduate minor in social innovation and social entrepreneurship; and

25 WHEREAS, Tulane had five thousand seven hundred twenty-seven employees,
26 excluding students, in the fall of 2011, fifty-two percent of whom lived in New Orleans; and

27 WHEREAS, Tulane is New Orleans' largest private employer and a major economic
28 driver in the region, accounting for approximately nine hundred twenty million dollars in
29 annual economic activity and directly and indirectly creating ten thousand six hundred jobs
30 throughout Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, the new Tulane Stadium is returning to campus after a thirty-year
2 absence, and it will be a point of pride and economic stimulus for New Orleans and give the
3 Green Wave a true home field advantage; and

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day in celebration of Tulane
5 University.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tulane University for a tradition of
8 academic excellence and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Tulane University
9 Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the president of Tulane University.

DIGEST

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