

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES