

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Requests the commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to establish a school of medicine at Louisiana College.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
3 Schools to establish a school of medicine at Louisiana College.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana College, founded in 1906, has been a lighthouse of Christian  
5 higher education serving central Louisiana and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana College, a highly recognized institution of postsecondary  
7 education in Louisiana, was ranked 45<sup>th</sup> by *U.S. News and World Report* this year as one of  
8 the "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the south; and

9 WHEREAS, the institution continues to hold a national reputation for excellence in  
10 its pre-med program, whereby eighty-six percent of the pre-med graduates over the past five  
11 years have been admitted into accredited medical schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana College has been a national leader in preparing students for  
13 entry into an array of medical fields; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana has shortages of medical practitioners resulting in limited  
15 access to care; and

16 WHEREAS, a medical school will directly affect and improve healthcare in  
17 Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, a school of medicine at Louisiana College would create an economic

1 impact of over one billion dollars to Louisiana while creating over eight thousand jobs; and

2 WHEREAS, Louisiana College is an institution of learning committed to academic  
3 excellence in the context of the Christian community; and

4 WHEREAS, a school of medicine at Louisiana College would provide an excellent  
5 educational experience to those students interested in the field of medicine, and help provide  
6 access to quality healthcare in Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
8 urge and request the commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
9 Schools to establish a school of medicine at Louisiana College.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the  
11 superior educational opportunities Louisiana College provides to prepare students for careers  
12 in healthcare, and supports its efforts to establish a school of medicine.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
14 president of the commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
15 Schools and to the president of Louisiana College.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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DIGEST

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