

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY SENATORS MCPHERSON, LONG AND RISER AND REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a school of medicine at Louisiana College would create an economic impact of over one billion dollars to Louisiana while creating over eight thousand jobs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES