

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University President William F. Tate IV on being elected to the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU) President William F. Tate IV is among the world's most accomplished scholars, scientists, writers, and artists, as well as civic, business, and philanthropic leaders by virtue of his election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Tate joins other experts who are exploring the challenges facing society and identifying solutions that address issues of importance to the nation and to the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, founded in 1780, is both an honorary society that recognizes and celebrates the excellence of its members, and an independent research center convening leaders from across disciplines, professions, and perspectives to address significant challenges; and

WHEREAS, for more than two hundred forty years, the Academy has been electing and engaging exceptional individuals including Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton as well as Albert Einstein, Robert Frost, Martin Luther King Jr., and Stephen Hawking; and

WHEREAS, this year's election of two hundred sixty-one new members, which includes thirty-seven individuals from sixteen countries, continues a tradition of recognizing accomplishments and leadership in academia, the arts, industry, public policy, and research; and

WHEREAS, Tate is the seventh individual affiliated with LSU elected to the

Academy; and

WHEREAS, Tate earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics with a minor in mathematical sciences from Northern Illinois University; a Master of Arts degree in mathematical sciences education from the University of Texas at Dallas; and a Doctor of Philosophy in mathematics education with a cognate in human development from the University of Maryland, College Park; and

WHEREAS, Tate was awarded the Anna Julia Cooper postdoctoral fellowship to study social and public policy at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and he completed a second postdoctoral fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine, where he earned the Master of Psychiatric Epidemiology degree; and

WHEREAS, Tate's research has focused on the social determinants of mathematics performance; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) attainment; and the development of epidemiological and geospatial models to explain the social determinants of educational attainment as well as health and developmental outcomes; and

WHEREAS, at LSU, Tate has introduced the Scholarship First Agenda which has the mission to impact and serve Louisiana - providing pathways to higher learning, addressing critical problems through groundbreaking research and discovery, and bettering the lives of citizens in every parish by focusing on five areas: agriculture, biotechnology, coast, defense, and energy; and

WHEREAS, Tate is the recipient of numerous research recognitions including elections to the National Academy of Education, Sigma Xi, and Fellow status in the American Educational Research Association (AERA), as well as association-related honors including a Presidential Citation, the Distinguished Scholar Award in Mathematics Education, and the Distinguished Contributions in Education Research Lifetime Achievement Award-Division G; and

WHEREAS, prior to being named LSU president, Tate served as the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Provost at the University of South Carolina; he was the dean of the Graduate School and the Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Washington University in St. Louis; and he also spent time at Texas Christian University and the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University President William F. Tate IV on being elected to the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to William F. Tate IV.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE