

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATORS SELDERS AND FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana State University Day at the Louisiana Legislature and to commend LSU for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its statewide campuses and extension offices, constitutes the most comprehensive public higher education system in Louisiana, fulfilling a mission centered on education, research, and service to the public; and

WHEREAS, the total LSU enterprise generated more than \$6.1 billion in economic impact last year, supporting approximately 45,700 jobs and contributing more than \$2.4 billion in new statewide earnings; producing a return of \$13.85 for every state dollar invested and generating \$690 in economic activity per Louisianian; and

WHEREAS, LSU serves as Louisiana's primary engine for workforce and talent development, enrolling more than 68,700 students across all levels of study and awarding more than 14,600 degrees last year in diverse disciplines including agriculture, engineering, medicine, nursing, law, education, business, the humanities, and the sciences; and

WHEREAS, the university plays a vital role in retaining Louisiana talent, with 65% of Louisiana residents who graduate from LSU campuses remaining in-state, and 66% of all LSU graduates working in their field of study with an average annual salary of \$110,442; and

WHEREAS, LSU-trained professionals are essential to Louisiana's healthcare system, including two-thirds of all physicians and three-fourths of all dentists practicing in the state, along with countless alumni serving in fields such as nursing, public health, mental health, and therapy services; and

WHEREAS, LSU's strategic "Pentagon Priorities" in agriculture, biomedicine, coast, defense, and energy are helping to address some of the most urgent needs of both Louisiana and the nation; and

WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.3 billion, actively partnering with over 130 universities, nearly 500 private sector collaborators, and 14 of 15

federal cabinet-level agencies, and has reached new heights with \$543 million in annual research expenditures and a place among the top 56 global universities for utility patents; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana and supporters across the nation have generously invested in LSU, and the university has returned that investment through life-changing education, pioneering research, meaningful community engagement, and widespread public service; and

WHEREAS, LSU continues to represent one of the most impactful and strategic investments Louisiana can make in its people, its prosperity, and its future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature does hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at the Legislature, commends Louisiana State University for its outstanding contributions to the state, and extends its sincerest appreciation and support for the university's continued mission and success.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE