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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor to appoint members of the state's postsecondary education boards who have qualifications to be highly effective in overseeing the operation and management of postsecondary education and the institutions within the jurisdiction of their respective boards.

WHEREAS, postsecondary education in Louisiana is currently undergoing a period of important transformation and evolution as unprecedented focus is placed on affordability, accountability, and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana finds that the success of efforts to improve graduation rates, deliver innovative and quality academic programs, increase learning and training opportunities for all students, proactively prepare students for the workforce demands of the state, and enable the state to compete in the global economy requires high performing, high quality leadership; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives further finds that Louisiana's postsecondary education boards should be comprised of individuals who offer the best combination of education, skills, and experience in order to ensure effective management and operation of Louisiana's universities and colleges during this period of advancement; and

WHEREAS, those persons appointed to the five boards responsible for postsecondary education in Louisiana, namely the Board of Regents and the state's four postsecondary education management boards, specifically the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges should be individuals with appropriate credentials to oversee postsecondary

education with vision and experience and to provide adept and effective management of the institutions under the authority of the respective boards; and

WHEREAS, such qualifications should include education and experience in the fields of banking, business, economic development, finance, law, education, organizational leadership, workforce development, budgeting, or public policy; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of each of the postsecondary education boards should possess education and experience in at least one of these fields; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of members of the postsecondary education boards who possess such qualifications is essential for the effectiveness and quality of the state's colleges and universities, to the competitiveness of their graduates throughout the nation and the world, and to the ability of the state to move to the forefront of economic development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor to appoint members of the state's postsecondary education boards who have knowledge and experience, as specified in this Resolution, that qualify them to be highly effective in overseeing the operation and management of postsecondary education and the institutions within the jurisdiction of their respective boards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana, and to the chairs of the Board of Regents and the four postsecondary education management boards.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES