

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University upon the celebration of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary and to recognize Thursday, April 29, 2010, as LSU Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Louisiana State University for its one hundred fifty years of service and excellence in higher education and to recognize Thursday, April 29, 2010, as LSU Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University, formerly named the Seminary of Learning and Military Academy of the State of Louisiana, opened for classes on January 2, 1860, and has offered military training ever since; and

WHEREAS, LSU was originally located in Pineville, and Colonel William Tecumseh Sherman served as its first superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the university moved to Baton Rouge in 1869 and was merged with the Louisiana Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1877; and

WHEREAS, the newly merged Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College was obligated to fulfill the duties of the Morrill Act by providing study in the fields of science, the classics, military tactics, agriculture, engineering, and all other fields that promote liberal education for "the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life"; and

WHEREAS, brothers David F. Boyd and Thomas D. Boyd served diligently as presidents of the university, and their name has been attached to the highest faculty title; and

WHEREAS, LSU has won forty-six national championships since it began intercollegiate athletics in 1893 and maintains one of only two financially self-sustaining athletic programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, the state of Louisiana constructed a campus in Italian Renaissance style and created one of the world's most beautiful college environments; and

WHEREAS, LSU is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant institution, is designated as a Research University (Very High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and performs research for the benefit of the United States and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, LSU is the flagship institution of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, LSU was the first public university in Louisiana to adopt admission standards requiring successful completion of a high school college preparatory curriculum; and

WHEREAS, LSU offers degrees in seventy-two baccalaureate programs, seventy-eight master's programs, and fifty-three doctoral programs, and the institution has awarded more than one hundred thousand degrees since its inception; and

WHEREAS, LSU instituted the "Pelican Promise" need-based aid program so that students of the most dire financial condition may receive the benefits of higher education and participate fully in our society and economy; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of this state and nation have contributed to the support of the university, and Louisiana State University in turn provides a quality education, basic and applicable research, and valuable public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University upon the celebration of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary, does hereby recognize Thursday, April 29, 2010, as LSU Day at the Capitol, does hereby record for posterity the extraordinary accomplishments and manifold contributions of the institution's administration, staff, faculty, and students, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the university's outstanding leadership in higher education in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chancellor Michael Martin of Louisiana State University.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES