

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a school of pharmacy and the reestablishment of a school of architecture on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a school of pharmacy and the reestablishment of a school of architecture on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, a school of pharmacy and the reestablishment of a school of architecture in the Baton Rouge region would help area students prepare to obtain high paying jobs in the field of pharmaceutical sciences and architecture and would help to meet expanding workforce demands, particularly in terms of serving underrepresented communities throughout Baton Rouge and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a school of pharmacy and the reestablishment of a school of architecture on the Baton Rouge campus of the nation's only HBCU system would serve to encourage some of the nation's best and brightest students to put down roots in this community first as students and then as pharmacists and others who serve in this important workforce area; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit the community and state as a whole to further educational opportunities in Baton Rouge and to create an anchor in the community for those endeavoring to improve health outcomes for the state; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana grants certain powers relating to public institutions of postsecondary education to the Board of Regents, including to study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Southern University Board of Supervisors work with the Board of Regents to begin the process for establishing a school of pharmacy and the reestablishment of a school of architecture on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a school of pharmacy on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES