

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana State University upon the opening of the African American Cultural Center.

WHEREAS, the African American Cultural Center represents the original concept of Harambeé House, which was founded on November 6, 1972, at 3004 Highland Road; and

WHEREAS, Harambeé House was a popular attraction on LSU's campus for many years but was eventually condemned and sold back to the university; and

WHEREAS, eleven years later, due in large part to the efforts of the LSU Black Student Caucus, a subcommittee purchased the Christian Science Building to house the new cultural center; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 1991, the LSU Board of Supervisors approved the request of the Black Student Caucus, and the dedication and opening ceremony of the LSU African American Cultural Center was held on January 17, 1993, where it remained until January 2011; and

WHEREAS, since then, the African American Cultural Center had been temporarily relocated to Hatcher Hall during the construction of the new cultural center; and

WHEREAS, the new African American Cultural Center will be located at 3 Union Square, Raphael Semmes Road, on the campus of LSU; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 3, 2013, the LSU Office of Multicultural Affairs will hold the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new five-thousand six-hundred square foot African American Cultural Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana State University upon the opening of the African American Cultural Center, does hereby

1 extend to them heartfelt appreciation for all of their hard work and commitment, and does
2 hereby extend to them best wishes for success and prosperity in the future.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the coordinator of African American Student Affairs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES