

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors operates a
4 statewide comprehensive university with a public mission focused on education, research,
5 and outreach; and

6 WHEREAS, LSU's educational mission encompasses two-year programs,
7 progressing through four-year and doctoral programs, including law and medicine; the only
8 schools in the state for dentistry and veterinary medicine are a part of the LSU system; and

9 WHEREAS, the LSU faculty educates approximately forty-five thousand students
10 statewide, and the system has set records in student enrollment, diversity, and graduate
11 numbers in recent years; and

12 WHEREAS, LSU's flagship campus in Baton Rouge has had great success in
13 improving the socioeconomic status of its students; LSU ranks fifth in the Southeastern
14 Conference and twentieth among flagship schools in moving students out of the bottom sixty
15 percent of the income scale; LSU ranks tenth among flagship schools in enrolling students
16 from the bottom forty percent of low and middle-income students; LSU graduates typically
17 earn higher-than-average salaries and finish with little to no debt; and the university remains
18 committed to transforming lives in Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, LSU campuses in Alexandria, Eunice, and Shreveport have experienced
20 enrollment growth, have initiated new federally-funded programs to improve education, and

1 have enjoyed philanthropic success in recent years, all while providing affordable, quality
2 education for their communities and regions; and

3 WHEREAS, the LSU Health Sciences Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport serve
4 as the most effective way to address the annual need for nearly four hundred new primary
5 care physicians and to provide our citizens with the treatment options they need; ninety
6 percent of students enrolled in LSU's Health Sciences Centers are Louisiana natives, more
7 than half of those students choose to stay in the state for their residencies, and seventy-five
8 percent of the students elect to practice in the state where they have trained; and

9 WHEREAS, LSU conducts fifty-nine percent of university-based, federally-funded
10 research in the state, executes sixty-five percent of the licenses, holds sixty percent of the
11 invention disclosures and patents granted, and earns eighty percent of the licensing income
12 in Louisiana; with a portfolio of nearly \$1 billion in annual research funding, LSU has the
13 resources to solve problems faced by Louisiana's citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the LSU Agricultural Center has operations in every parish, which
15 provide training and outreach in food and nutrition, rural development, and sustainable
16 agriculture, to help promote the livelihoods of Louisianians; and

17 WHEREAS, the LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center conducts extensive
18 research on chronic diseases that present disproportionate challenges to the state, including
19 obesity and diabetes research; and

20 WHEREAS, LSU's outreach and impact is felt off-campus: the university system is
21 responsible for nearly forty thousand jobs and has an economic impact of \$3.9 billion; LSU's
22 AgCenter supports more than two hundred thousand students through more than one
23 thousand seven hundred 4-H clubs across the state; and LSU students provide more than
24 seventy thousand hours of volunteer service.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the
27 state capitol and does hereby acknowledge the university's valuable contributions to the
28 residents of Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to LSU president, F. King Alexander.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 32 Original	2017 Regular Session	Barras
----------------	----------------------	--------

Designates Apr. 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.