

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATOR MORRISH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the University of Louisiana System on strategically planning and delivering high quality education to students across the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System (UL System) is a family of nine distinct educational institutions serving more than 91,500 students and awarding more than 16,500 degrees annually; and

WHEREAS, it is comprised of Grambling State University, LA Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the UL System is one of the nation's largest higher education systems, offering a broad spectrum of educational opportunities ranging from technical training at the associate level to research at the doctoral level; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the UL System is to provide high quality education that is cost efficient to students and taxpayers and enables students to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, operating at the lowest unit cost per student per capita, each university within the UL System continues to see an increase in enrollment and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, the UL System simultaneously develops young, energetic front-runners to be future leaders of higher education in Louisiana, while also pursuing and realizing cutting edge innovations that have distinguished Louisiana universities as some of the most resourceful and innovative in the southern region; and

WHEREAS, the UL System's sixteen member Board of Directors and nine university presidents understand that the foundation of economic, workforce, and community development is human development and work tirelessly to develop students to compete at peak levels with their peers across the country; and

WHEREAS, with two years of stabilized funding, each university has gained firm footing and developed a systemwide strategic framework which demonstrates the UL System's commitment to producing Louisiana's most educated generation in its history; and

WHEREAS, by 2025, the UL System will produce one hundred fifty thousand new graduates who are prepared for success in life and in their career; and

WHEREAS, the UL System will also shape efforts to advance educational success statewide, empower the citizenry, meet the needs of business and industry, grow the economy, and enrich Louisiana communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the University of Louisiana System on strategically planning and delivering high quality education to students across the state of Louisiana and does hereby wish it continued growth and success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the UL System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE