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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Tulane University for its history of academic excellence.

WHEREAS, Tulane University is the ninth-oldest private university in the Association of American Universities, Tulane University Law School is the nation's twelfth-oldest law school, and Tulane University Medical School is the nation's fifteenth-oldest medical school; and

WHEREAS, Tulane has an extensive list of highly accomplished alumni that includes twelve Louisiana governors, one chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, several members of Congress, two surgeons general of the United States, and two Nobel laureates; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is a leading research university, and in fiscal year 2022, it brought in \$210 million in external research funds; Tulane National Primate Research Center in Covington, Louisiana, is one of only seven federally-funded National Primate Research Centers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is continuously working to keep the best and brightest students in Louisiana with initiatives such as the Legislative Scholars Program and the Louisiana Promise Program; under the Louisiana Promise Program, the university meets the full financial need, without the use of loans, for its Louisiana students whose families make less than \$100,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Promise Program has resulted in an increased number of students from Louisiana choosing to stay in Louisiana to attend Tulane University; as of today, Tulane student enrollment for Fall 2023 includes students from forty-nine states and territories, with Louisiana leading the pack; and

WHEREAS, additionally, forty percent of Tulane graduates stayed in Louisiana for at least three years following graduation, and the university's new innovation institute will help keep startups in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is also an economic driver in Louisiana; the university's annual economic impact to the state economy is \$2.3 billion; it directly employs over eight thousand individuals and indirectly supports an additional five thousand three hundred ten jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, Tulane recently embarked on a significant expansion of its downtown campus connecting the research and entrepreneurial communities; the university will be the anchor tenant in the redevelopment of Charity Hospital in New Orleans; the project will bring the historic building back into commerce for the first time since Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University is most deserving of the highest recognition for its incredible history of academic excellence, and the state of Louisiana is immensely proud to serve as the home of this inspiring institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tulane University for its history of academic excellence and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the university continue to provide students with a premier, research-driven educational experience.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE