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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Louisiana State University at Shreveport on its high state and national rankings in the second annual Economic Mobility Index

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Louisiana State University at Shreveport on its high state and national
3 rankings in the second annual Economic Mobility Index.

4 WHEREAS, LSU at Shreveport was ranked the highest in the state of Louisiana and
5 among the nation's best in the second annual Economic Mobility Index, which measures how
6 effectively institutions help low-income students improve their socioeconomic level; and

7 WHEREAS, LSU Shreveport earned Tier 1 status, meaning that it ranked in the top
8 20% of the more than 1,300 colleges and universities evaluated; and

9 WHEREAS, the report was released by the organization Third Way, a national think
10 tank that believes higher education is critical to securing a middle-class lifestyle; and

11 WHEREAS, the study used data from the most recent College Scorecard, which
12 reflects institution-level data from the 2020-21 academic year, and the U.S. Census Bureau's
13 American Community Survey; and

14 WHEREAS, the report measured the percentage of a school's student body that is
15 low-income and how long it takes those low-income students to pay off the cost of their
16 degree; this data is used to construct a school's Economic Mobility Index; and

17 WHEREAS, nearly 37% of LSU at Shreveport's student population receives federal
18 Pell grants; and

19 WHEREAS, based on the amount that low-income students pay out of pocket for
20 their education after scholarships and grants, the report calculated that low-income students
21 pay off their LSUS degrees in only 2.77 years; and

1 WHEREAS, LSU Shreveport has created entities such as the Student Success Center
2 and other services such as peer mentoring, supplemental instruction and tutoring, counseling
3 and career services, and various co-curricular activities that have impacted retention and
4 graduation rates.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University at Shreveport on
7 its high state and national rankings in the second annual Economic Mobility Index and does
8 hereby extend sincerest wishes that the university and its students continue their excellent
9 work and always strive for greatness.

DIGEST

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Commends La. State University at Shreveport on its high state and national rankings in the 2nd annual Economic Mobility Index.