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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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