



1 WHEREAS, Southwest Louisiana communities are abuzz with pride, as social media  
2 engagement and website visits hit record highs, reflecting widespread excitement about  
3 McNeese's resurgence; and

4 WHEREAS, McNeese students are distinguishing themselves academically by  
5 presenting original research at national conferences and in the arts with theater students  
6 competing in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival and reaching the  
7 regional round for the first time in university history; and

8 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Will Wade, the McNeese State  
9 University men's basketball team's dynamic performance in the 2025 National Collegiate  
10 Athletic Association tournament captured national attention, showcasing the talent and  
11 tenacity of the Cowboys and shining a spotlight on the university across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, the Cowboy family's rallying cry, "Ride for the Brand", speaks to the  
13 spirit of unity, ambition, and limitless possibility that defines McNeese State University; and

14 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Louisiana House of Representatives pause its  
15 deliberations to honor McNeese State University's outstanding achievements, to  
16 acknowledge its positive impact on students and communities across the state, and to  
17 celebrate the bright future ahead.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as McNeese  
20 State University Day at the Capitol in recognition of the university's exemplary rightsizing,  
21 strategic planning, enrollment gains, community engagement, and student accomplishments.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 President of McNeese State University as a token of the House of Representatives' esteem  
24 and appreciation.

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DIGEST

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