

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at the legislature and commends Louisiana State University for its enduring contributions to the state

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at the legislature and to commend
3 Louisiana State University for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its statewide campuses and
5 extension offices, constitutes the most comprehensive public higher education system in
6 Louisiana, fulfilling a mission centered on education, research, and service to the public; and

7 WHEREAS, the total LSU enterprise generated more than \$6.1 billion in economic
8 impact last year, supporting approximately 45,700 jobs and contributing more than \$2.4
9 billion in new statewide earnings – producing a return of \$13.85 for every state dollar
10 invested and generating \$690 in economic activity per Louisianian; and

11 WHEREAS, LSU serves as Louisiana's primary engine for workforce and talent
12 development, enrolling more than 68,700 students across all levels of study and awarding
13 more than 14,600 degrees last year in diverse disciplines including agriculture, engineering,
14 medicine, nursing, law, education, business, the humanities, and the sciences; and

15 WHEREAS, the university plays a vital role in retaining Louisiana talent, with 65%
16 of Louisiana residents who graduate from LSU campuses remaining in the state and 66% of
17 all LSU graduates working in their field of study with an average annual salary of \$110,442;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, LSU-trained professionals are essential to Louisiana's healthcare
20 system, including two-thirds of all physicians and three-fourths of all dentists practicing in

1 the state, along with countless alumni serving in fields such as nursing, public health, mental
2 health, and therapy services; and

3 WHEREAS, LSU's strategic "Pentagon Priorities" in agriculture, biomedicine, coast,
4 defense, and energy are helping to address some of the most urgent needs of both Louisiana
5 and the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.3 billion, actively
7 partnering with over one hundred thirty universities, nearly five hundred private sector
8 collaborators, and fourteen of fifteen federal cabinet-level agencies; the university has
9 reached new heights with \$543 million in annual research expenditures and a place among
10 the top fifty-six global universities for utility patents; and

11 WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana and supporters across the nation have
12 generously invested in LSU, and the university has returned that investment through
13 life-changing education, pioneering research, meaningful community engagement, and
14 widespread public service; and

15 WHEREAS, LSU continues to represent one of the most impactful and strategic
16 investments Louisiana can make in its people, its prosperity, and its future.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at
19 the legislature; does hereby commend Louisiana State University for its outstanding
20 contributions to the state; and does hereby extend sincerest appreciation and support for the
21 university's continued mission and success.

DIGEST

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