

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, LSU-trained professionals are essential to Louisiana's healthcare system, including two-thirds of all physicians and three-fourths of all dentists practicing in the state, along with countless alumni serving in fields such as nursing, public health, mental health, and therapy services; and

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES