

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY SENATOR WHEAT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and recognizes the institution's impact on the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its centennial
3 anniversary and to recognize the institution's impact on the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Southeastern Louisiana University began as Hammond Junior College
5 on September 14, 1925, and welcomed its first students and ushered in a new level of access
6 to higher learning in the region; and

7 WHEREAS, Southeastern began offering four-year degrees in 1937 to accommodate
8 both the institution's growth and the continuously evolving educational needs of southeast
9 Louisiana, and the university received full academic accreditation soon after; and

10 WHEREAS, Southeastern has historically recognized the need to expand access to
11 higher education for people in the region, and in 1955, the university became one of the first
12 integrated higher education institutions in the South; and

13 WHEREAS, the institution changed its name from Southeastern Louisiana College
14 to Southeastern Louisiana University in 1970, prior to marking its fiftieth anniversary; and

15 WHEREAS, the Northshore region grew significantly in 1997, and the Southeastern
16 student population reached fifteen thousand students, earning the institution recognition as
17 the fastest-growing university in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Southeastern became a doctoral-granting university in 2006, and the

1 university is approaching research status in its centennial year; in the institution's one-
2 hundred-year history, it has granted nearly one hundred thousand degrees, currently offers
3 more than one hundred fifty programs of study, and has over eighty thousand living alumni,
4 sixty-one thousand of whom live in Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, Southeastern Louisiana University currently has a \$1 billion annual
6 impact to the state of Louisiana, and the institution supports fifteen thousand jobs in the
7 region, impacting generations of Louisianians.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
9 does hereby commend Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its centennial
10 anniversary and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the institution for its
11 contributions to the state of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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