

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Acadiana's Red and White Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, One Acadiana, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the UL Lafayette Alumni Association are bringing Acadiana's economic development, chamber, civic, business, and higher education partners together for "Acadiana's Red and White Day" to promote the shared interests of the Acadiana Region; and

WHEREAS, Acadiana's Red and White Day is a celebration of the region's unique identity, uniting citizens, civic leaders, educators, business owners, and students to promote the interests and accomplishments of Acadiana, highlight regional priorities, foster dialogue between state lawmakers and local stakeholders, and advocate for continued investment and development in the region; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has, for more than one hundred twenty-five years, supported and improved the educational, social, and economic well-being of Acadiana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has an annual statewide economic impact of \$4.4 billion, supporting more than 47,500 jobs, and for every \$1 invested in UL Lafayette, the university generates \$7.30 in statewide economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was redesignated for the second time as a Carnegie Research 1 (R1): Very High Spending and Doctorate Production university, with \$1.7 billion for groundbreaking research by its talented faculty since 2013, ranking it fourth in the nation for industry-funded research as a percentage of research portfolio with expenditures in 2024 over \$254 million; and

WHEREAS, continued success in supporting the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and advancing the Acadiana Region and the state of Louisiana requires ongoing leadership, shared vision, and strong collaboration with partners throughout the region and the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Acadiana's Red and White Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the people of Acadiana for their ongoing contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES