

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX, HENSGENS, MIGUEZ AND MYERS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the Louisiana 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 Red and White Day" to promote 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 125 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 Doctoral 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 Acadian Region and the state of Louisiana requires ongoing leadership, shared vision, and strong collaboration with partners throughout the region and the entire state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the people of Acadiana for their ongoing contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the state of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE