

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes March 31, 2026, as Southern University Day at the Capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, March 31, 2026, as Southern University Day at the Capitol and to
3 commend Southern University for one hundred forty-six years of commitment to
4 impact and excellence in industry, research, and public service.

5 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the nation's only historically Black
6 university system and is comprised of five campuses that collectively advance academic
7 excellence, research, and community engagement: Southern University and A&M College,
8 the Southern University Law Center, and the Southern University Agricultural Research and
9 Extension Center in Baton Rouge; Southern University at New Orleans; and Southern
10 University at Shreveport; and

11 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College, the flagship of the Southern
12 University System and a Carnegie Research 2 institution, is opening a \$48M state-of-the-art
13 complex to enhance STEM education and collaboration with academic and industry partners
14 and a Global Innovation and Welcome Center; the university celebrates the twenty-fifth
15 anniversary of the Southern University Museum of Art, Southern University "Human
16 Jukebox" Marching Band's selection as ESPN's 2025 Band of the Year, and the School of
17 Nursing's selection as the best nursing school in the U.S. by Nurse.org for the second
18 consecutive year; and

19 WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) celebrates seventy years
20 of excellence, access, and service to the Greater New Orleans community; SUNO has
21 expanded its cultural and academic impact by hosting the first-ever live

1 Egyptian-commissioned replica King Tutankhamun exhibition at an HBCU, and the
2 university celebrates the SUNO Men's Basketball Team for capturing the 2026 HBCUAC
3 Tournament Championship and bringing the title home for the first time since 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, Southern University Law Center is constructing a new Clinical Legal
5 Education Building, which marks the beginning of a state-of-the-art facility designed to
6 expand hands-on training opportunities for students while strengthening access to justice for
7 individuals and families throughout the Baton Rouge community, and renovating its Oliver
8 B. Spellman Law library; and

9 WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport continues to strengthen workforce
10 development and community impact in North Louisiana through the Aerospace Technology
11 Center and serves as the region's premier training hub for aviation technicians; it is
12 advancing entrepreneurship through the Roy Griggs School of Business and expanding
13 community partnerships, including a re-entry workforce training initiative with the Caddo
14 Parish Sheriff's Office; the university also facilitates a Mobile Health Unit that delivers
15 critical preventive care, screenings, and dental services to underserved communities across
16 Northwest Louisiana, while providing students with invaluable hands-on clinical training;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center,
19 which celebrated its 83rd Annual Livestock and Poultry Show, continues to advance
20 agricultural innovation and workforce development as the only historically black college or
21 university selected as a site for the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural
22 Research Service laboratory; the center established a flourishing demonstration and research
23 vineyard through its Viticulture and Enology Program, which provides hands-on experience
24 for grape growers and vintners throughout Louisiana, and it aims to increase the number of
25 students entering the field of veterinary medicine by filling critical gaps in access, contact
26 hours, and hands-on exposure for high school and undergraduate students; and

27 WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School, serving students pre-K
28 through high school, continues its mission of providing a nationally-competitive college
29 preparatory education to each of its students; the school's Lady Kittens basketball team

1 secured their third-consecutive Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV
2 Select State Championship; and

3 WHEREAS, Southern University Day at the Capitol is a powerful gathering of
4 legislators, community members, students, and alumni that celebrates the system's enduring
5 legacy and continued impact on education, leadership, and community advancement.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Southern University System on the
8 occasion of its one hundred forty-sixth anniversary and does hereby recognize Tuesday,
9 March 31, 2026, as Southern University Day at the Capitol.

DIGEST

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