

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLINGS AND FREEMAN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day at the capitol and recognizes Tulane University for its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day at the capitol and to recognize
3 Tulane University for its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Tulane University is one of the country's leading research and
5 educational institutions, home to the nation's oldest school of public health, the ninth-oldest
6 private university in the prestigious Association of American Universities, twelfth-oldest law
7 school, and fifteenth-oldest medical school; and

8 WHEREAS, Tulane University brings together scholars, students, and partners across
9 disciplines to turn discovery into meaningful progress that advances work in public health,
10 medicine, energy, innovation, and other areas critical to the Gulf South; and

11 WHEREAS, Tulane University plays a vital role in the state's economy, supporting
12 more than thirty thousand jobs, generating \$88.2 million in annual state tax revenue, and
13 contributing an estimated \$5.2 billion in annual economic impact; and

14 WHEREAS, Tulane researchers and physicians are improving outcomes for children
15 and families while leading advances in areas such as infectious disease, cancer, aging, and
16 brain health; and

17 WHEREAS, Tulane University's research enterprise continues to expand, which
18 attracts significant external funding and produces work that has both global reach and direct
19 impact across Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, Tulane University is making historic investments in downtown New
2 Orleans, including the revitalization of the iconic former Charity Hospital building, which
3 is helping to create a center of innovation, workforce development, and opportunity in the
4 heart of the city; and

5 WHEREAS, Tulane's efforts are strengthening Louisiana's position in healthcare and
6 the biosciences while opening new pathways for economic growth and job creation; and

7 WHEREAS, Tulane University is advancing leadership in the future of energy
8 through initiatives such as the Future of Energy Forum and the establishment of the Institute
9 for Advanced Energy Studies, both of which position Louisiana and the Gulf South at the
10 forefront of energy innovation and transition; and

11 WHEREAS, Tulane faculty are engaged in groundbreaking scholarship and
12 lifesaving research that supports national defense and protects the health of military
13 personnel and first responders, including efforts focused on traumatic brain injury,
14 biothreats, and diseases affecting deployed service members; and

15 WHEREAS, Tulane University is expanding access for Louisiana students through
16 initiatives such as the Louisiana Promise No Loan Assistance Scholarship, which ensures
17 that more students from low- and middle- income families can pursue a Tulane education
18 without financial barriers; and

19 WHEREAS, these initiatives complement such efforts as the Legislative Scholars
20 Program and the Mayoral Scholars Program, which provide scholarships for Louisiana
21 students; they also support student success and help retain talent in Louisiana, which
22 contributes to the state's long-term strength and stability; and

23 WHEREAS, Tulane University works closely with communities and partners across
24 the state, advancing shared progress and improving lives, and it is most deserving of the
25 highest recognition for its enduring contributions to the state.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day
28 at the capitol and does hereby recognize Tulane University as an invaluable asset to the state
29 for its commitment to education, research, healthcare, innovation, and economic growth.

DIGEST

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