

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as Acadiana's Red and White Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as Acadiana's Red and White Day at the Louisiana
3 State Capitol.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, the university has, for one hundred twenty-seven years, supported and
14 improved the educational, social, and economic well-being of Acadiana and beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, the university has an annual statewide economic impact of four billion
16 four hundred million dollars, supporting more than forty-seven thousand five hundred jobs,
17 and for every one dollar invested in UL Lafayette, the university generates seven dollars and
18 thirty cents in statewide economic impact; and

1 WHEREAS, the university serves to educate our citizens and grow and strengthen
2 our talent pipeline, with ninety percent of current students enrolled at the university hailing
3 from Louisiana, and seventy-two percent of them remaining in state ten years after earning
4 their bachelor's degree; and

5 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was redesignated for the second
6 time as a Carnegie Research 1 (R1): Very High Spending and Doctorate Production
7 university, with one billion seven hundred million dollars for groundbreaking research by
8 its talented faculty since 2013, ranking it third in the nation for industry-funded research as
9 a percentage of research portfolio with expenditures in 2024 over two hundred fifty-four
10 million dollars; and

11 WHEREAS, the university welcomed in March 2026 its seventh president, alumnus
12 Dr. Ramesh Kolluru, an "Honorary Cajun" with a bold vision for his alma mater and its
13 students; and

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

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby designate Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as Acadiana's Red and White Day at the
19 Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby commend the people of Acadiana for their ongoing
20 contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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