

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKIN

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 22, 2026, as LSU Day at the state capitol and to commend the Louisiana State University System for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University System is a family of eight institutions: the LSU Flagship Campus in Baton Rouge, the LSU Ag Center, the LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans, the LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport, LSU at Alexandria, LSU at Eunice, LSU at Shreveport, and Pennington Biomedical Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the University of New Orleans will be joining the LSU System as the ninth institution under the name LSU at New Orleans in the summer of 2026; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Wade Rouse and Chairman Lee Mallett and the LSU Board of Supervisors, the LSU System is poised for a new era of success that is built on the foundational principals of excellence and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, LSU educates more than seventy thousand students annually and provides top-tier education at campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Alexandria, Shreveport, and Eunice; and

WHEREAS, LSU Research expands the frontier of knowledge every single day and works to bring insight and innovation to the table and create critical solutions to Louisiana's challenges, including improving health outcomes, preserving the coastline, and expanding energy production; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Flagship Campus in Baton Rouge, under the leadership of Chancellor Jim Dalton, has experienced record enrollment and graduation numbers, opened new educational and research facilities, and seen outstanding achievements by graduates in academic scholarship and research; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Ag Center, under the leadership of Senior Vice Chancellor Matt Lee, ranks twelfth in the nation for research expenditures among academic agricultural enterprises, educates Louisiana's future leaders through programs such as 4-H, and ensures that commodities such as sugarcane, rice, and sweet potatoes thrive as the state's foundational agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, under the leadership of Senior Vice Chancellor David Guzick, educates the next generation of Louisiana's medical professionals, provides outstanding patient care, and works diligently to combat Louisiana's high rate of cancer deaths through groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, under the leadership of Senior Vice Chancellor Lester Johnson, brings critical medical care to North Louisiana, grows its research portfolio to make critical discoveries, and educates doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who will serve the region for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, under the leadership of Interim Executive Director Jennifer Rood, supports researchers who are working to find the health solutions of the future and combating Louisiana's nearly forty percent obesity rate through the development of new diets and revolutionary medications; and

WHEREAS, LSU at Alexandria, under the leadership of Chancellor Paul Coreil, has experienced record enrollment and created Louisiana's first accelerated bachelor's degrees in STEM fields to meet critical workforce needs and put students into the workforce faster; and

WHEREAS, LSU at Shreveport, under the leadership of Chancellor Robert Smith, has been Louisiana's fastest growing university over the past decade and now graduates more students than any other university in Louisiana, with the exception of the LSU Flagship Campus in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, LSU at Eunice, under the leadership of Chancellor Nancee Sorenson, has experienced record enrollment, leads Louisiana's two year institutions in the number of students who transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and sees the highest success rate of those students earning their degrees; and

WHEREAS, the LSU System celebrates the success of all of its institutions and proudly supports the Tigers, Bengals, Pilots, Generals, and Privateers as they reach new heights of accomplishment and break records of achievement; and

WHEREAS, the LSU System, which is united by three letters, two colors, and one great state, is most deserving of recognition for its outstanding achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 22, 2026, as LSU Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend the Louisiana State University System for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest appreciation and support for the system's continued mission and success.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES