

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATORS CLAITOR, MURRAY AND GARY SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES
CONNICK, FOIL, GAROFALO, JOHNSON AND LOPINTO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the College of Law at Loyola University New Orleans upon its one hundredth anniversary and to declare Tuesday, March 25, 2014, as Loyola Law Day at the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, in 1849, the priests of the Jesuit order, known as the Society of Jesus, established the College of the Immaculate Conception that would later become Loyola University; moved to its present location in 1884, the institution prospered in the uptown section of New Orleans to reflect its status as an urban center of learning fully integrated into its metropolitan setting; and

WHEREAS, the College of Law was founded as the School of Law by Jesuit Father Albert Biever; its first session began on October 5, 1914; its first dean, John St. Paul, was a civil district court judge; and

WHEREAS, in its humble beginnings, Dean St. Paul and other members of the bar donated their time to teach evening classes to part-time students; the full-time program was added in 1925; and

WHEREAS, the College of Law at Loyola upholds the Jesuit traditions of academic rigor, the pursuit of justice, and service to others in its fundamental mission to educate future members of the bar to be skilled advocates and sensitive counselors-at-law; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Loyola Law has remained at the forefront of furthering the tenets of ethics in legal education, civil rights, and public interest law; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Loyola Law graduates played a crucial role in the orders rendered to desegregate LSU and New Orleans public schools, helping to make integration and equal rights enforcement the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, Loyola Law has also demonstrated equity of gender; Alice Allen was its first female law student in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Loyola Law continues the advancement of the Jesuits' ideal of social justice by encouraging concentrated study in several specialized legal disciplines through the Center for Environmental Law and Land Use, the Center for International and Comparative Programs, Continuing Legal Education, the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center, and the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and the Center for Social Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center is the oldest law clinic in Louisiana and the largest in the South, serving over seven hundred clients annually; and

WHEREAS, Loyola Law is critically acclaimed for its academic scholarship and success in national and international moot court competitions; and

WHEREAS, Loyola Law continues to play a pivotal role in controversial social issues that include capital punishment, immigration reform, the disenfranchisement of the homeless, and labor relations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the College of Law at Loyola University New Orleans upon its one hundredth anniversary and does hereby note its many contributions to advancement of legal expertise and social reform in the justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare March 25, 2014, as Loyola Law Day at the State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to María Pabón López, dean of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES