

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR MORRISH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the University of Louisiana System for its excellent service to the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the University of Louisiana System, its president, board of supervisors, and
3 member universities, on an outstanding performance in the strategic planning and
4 delivery of high-quality educational opportunities in the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors oversees one of the
6 largest systems in the nation and the University of Louisiana System offers a broad spectrum
7 of educational possibilities ranging from associate degrees in specialty training to advanced
8 degrees in post-graduate research; and

9 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System is an assemblage of nine distinctive
10 higher education institutions located in every corner of the state that serve more than 91,500
11 students and award more than 16,500 degrees annually; and

12 WHEREAS, the new Louisiana Constitution of 1974 established the management
13 board known as the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities whose purpose
14 was the governance of ten higher education institutions, excluding the systems of Louisiana
15 State University and Southern University; it was the forerunner of the University of
16 Louisiana System (UL) that was renamed in 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System is comprised of the postsecondary
18 institutions of Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State

1 University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern
2 Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at
3 Monroe, and the University of New Orleans; and

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the University of Louisiana System is to uphold the
5 idealistic tenets of scholarship, to provide top-quality educational opportunities that are cost
6 efficient for both students and taxpayers, and to enable students to reach their highest
7 potential; and

8 WHEREAS, while the University of Louisiana System operates at the lowest unit
9 cost per student per capita, all nine universities within the system continue to experience
10 increases in student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates; and

11 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System develops enthusiasm in individuals
12 who are destined to become the future leaders of education and in scholars whose pursuit of
13 technical advancement and scientific research have created next-generation technology
14 services and solutions; and

15 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System is
16 composed of sixteen members that include Board Chairman Alejandro "Al" Perkins, Vice
17 Chairman, Mark Romero, James Carter, John Condos, Edward J. Crawford III, Richard
18 Davis Jr., Lola Dunahoe, Pamela Egan, Thomas Kitchen, Jimmie "Beau" Martin Jr., Johnny
19 McFerren, Shawn Murphy, Elizabeth Pierce, Virgil Robinson, Robert Shreve, and Winfred
20 Sibille; and

21 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors, System President Dr.
22 Jim Henderson, and the nine university presidents that include Rick Gallot of Grambling
23 University, John Nicklow of the University of New Orleans, Chris Maggio of Northwestern
24 State University, Jay Clune of Nicholls State University, Joseph Savoie of the University of
25 Louisiana at Lafayette, Nick Bruno of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Les Guice of
26 Louisiana Tech University, Daryl Burckel of McNeese State University, and John Crain of
27 Southeastern Louisiana University, collaborate to create market-responsive programs that
28 provide workforce development, career education, and technical training; and

29 WHEREAS, with stabilized funding, the University of Louisiana System has gained
30 a firm footing to develop a strategic framework of academic curricula that will produce the

1 most educated generation in the history of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, by the year 2025, the University of Louisiana System projects that its
3 universities will prepare more than 160,000 new graduates to meet the employment needs
4 of the workforce market; and

5 WHEREAS, these graduates, both present and future, contribute to economic
6 development, create competition, start new businesses, educate youth, care for the infirm,
7 discover new technologies, and enrich community development; and

8 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System will continue to shape the
9 advancement of educational opportunity statewide, to meet the needs of business, industry,
10 and governments, to aid economic growth, and to enrich its communities.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby commend the University of Louisiana System on an outstanding performance
13 in the strategic planning and delivery of high quality educational opportunities throughout
14 the state of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
16 Dr. Jim Henderson, President of the University of Louisiana System.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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Commends the University of Louisiana System for the delivery of educational opportunities
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