

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR COLOMB

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its eight institutions offers
4 the most comprehensive education system in the state, with a public mission focused on
5 education, research, and outreach; and

6 WHEREAS, *Forbes* ranks LSU among the Top 20 national universities that dominate
7 in both academics and athletics; and

8 WHEREAS, LSU is the largest university in the state, educates over forty-eight
9 thousand students, and maintains the highest graduation rate amongst Louisiana's public
10 universities; and

11 WHEREAS, LSU's educational mission encompasses a broad array of academic
12 programs, from two-year programs to doctoral programs, including programs in law and
13 medicine, as well as expanded offerings in online education; and

14 WHEREAS, the only schools in the state for Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine are
15 found within the LSU system; and

16 WHEREAS, LSU has the majority (51%) of the certified Centers of Excellence in
17 the State; and

18 WHEREAS, LSU has over \$1.1 billion in total research dollars being utilized by

1 LSU researchers across Louisiana working on developing a wide-range of innovations to
2 improve quality of life for Louisiana and for citizens nationwide by studying issues such as
3 disease management, advanced medical treatments, obesity, coastal protection, hurricane
4 preparedness, energy, natural resource management, and agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, LSU employs faculty who are excellent, world renowned teacher-
6 scholars who are nationally competitive in research and creative activities and outlets, and
7 contribute greatly to a world-class knowledge base that is transferable to educational,
8 professional, cultural, and economic enterprise, and who use their extensive talent and
9 resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges; and

10 WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of Louisiana as well as nationally have
11 contributed to the support of Louisiana State University, and LSU has in turn provided
12 quality education, basic and applied research, new and state of the art discoveries in all
13 fields, numerous hours of volunteerism, and valuable public service; and

14 WHEREAS, LSU is Louisiana's most important economic asset, contributing over
15 45.1 billion in total Louisiana sales, providing an estimated 41,000 jobs to communities and
16 over \$1.9 billion in new statewide earnings, demonstrating that for every dollar provided by
17 the state, LSU provides a \$13.25 return of economic activity; and

18 WHEREAS, LSU, as the nation's smartest investment, consistently ranks as one of
19 the country's top values by *Kiplinger*, *Forbes*, *Money*, *SmartAsset*, and *PayScale*; and

20 WHEREAS, LSU remains one of the greatest investments for Louisiana while
21 focused only on improving the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby designate Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol and
24 acknowledge LSU's valuable contributions to the residents of Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU
26 President, F. King Alexander.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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