

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the Legislature and commend Louisiana State University on its contributions.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its campuses and extension offices, is the most comprehensive education system in the state, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, there are 48,000 students enrolled across the campuses and learning at all levels, from certificates to the doctoral level; and

WHEREAS, LSU offers a comprehensive education in a broad number of fields including agriculture, humanities, physical sciences, music, medicine, nursing, allied health, engineering, veterinary medicine, social sciences, education, dentistry, law, business administration, and public administration; and

WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.1 billion and collaborates with more than 100 universities and 450 industry partners around the world; and LSU researchers across Louisiana are working on developing a wide-range of innovations to improve quality of life for Louisiana and for citizens nationwide by studying issues such as disease management, advanced medical treatments, obesity, coastal protection, hurricane preparedness, energy, natural resource management, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, LSU has 51% of the certified Centers of Excellence in the state; and

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

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

WHEREAS, LSU has engaged in a capital campaign titled "Fierce for the Future" with the goal of raising \$1.5 billion to support the teaching, research, and outreach missions of the campuses; and

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

WHEREAS, LSU is Louisiana's most important economic asset, contributing over \$5.1 billion in total Louisiana sales, providing an estimated 41,000 jobs to communities and over \$1.9 billion in new statewide earnings; demonstrating that for every dollar provided by the state, LSU provides a \$13.25 return of economic activity; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby designates April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the Legislature, commends Louisiana State University on its contributions, and wishes it well on its endeavors.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE