HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUVAL, AMEDEE, BACALA, BEAULLIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, COUSSAN, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, GAINES, GEYMANN, GOUDEAU, JORDAN, LACOMBE, MAGEE, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, ORGERON, PIERRE, ROMERO, SCHEXNAYDER, ST. BLANC, STEFANSKI, TARVER, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, CORTEZ, HENSGENS, LAMBERT, FRED MILLS, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, AND STINE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 9, 2023, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, One Acadiana, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association are bringing Acadiana's economic development, chamber, civic, business, and higher education partners together for Acadiana Red and White Day to promote the shared interests of the Acadiana region; and

WHEREAS, these leaders are focused every day on priorities to advance the Acadiana region and the state of Louisiana and have made tremendous strides to enhance economic competitiveness, talent development, and quality of place through collaboration and innovation with legislators and other public officials; and

WHEREAS, Acadiana Red and White Day provides an opportunity to advocate for such priorities and celebrate shared achievements; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the region's leaders is communicating the crucial role of our higher education institutions in improving economic competitiveness, cultivating talent, and boosting quality of life in each region and the state; and

WHEREAS, Acadiana is coming together to recognize the ongoing successes of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in its academic, athletic, and research endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has, for nearly 125 years, supported and improved the educational, social, and economic well-being of Acadiana and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has an annual statewide economic impact of \$2.7 billion, supporting over 34,600 jobs and returning eight dollars to the Louisiana economy for every one dollar invested; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is preparing for the next 125 years of progress by advancing a vision for healthcare, K-12 education, sustainability, and other areas to improve quality of life for Louisiana and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, continued success in supporting the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and advancing the Acadiana region and the state of Louisiana will require ongoing leadership, shared vision, and strong collaboration with partners throughout the region and the entire state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 9, 2023, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES