

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR FIELDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as Southern University Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as Southern University Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to the nation's only Historically Black College and University System, the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) College System, which is uniquely positioned as an exemplar with a profound commitment to research and student success; and

WHEREAS, this year Southern University and A&M College System's Board of Supervisors is celebrating fifty years of service to the students, faculty, staff, and the community surrounding the system's five campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, through shared governance, leadership, and a diverse system of unique institutions, the mission of the Southern University and A&M College System is to deliver affordable world-class education, and transformational public service to the state of Louisiana, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College (SUBR) is a Carnegie Research 2 institution and was recently awarded a grant from the Biden-Harris Administration to aid in the pursuit of the Carnegie Research 1 high research activity designation; the university

1 has also received a joint award from NASA for their combined work with Boeing on
2 NASA's Space Launch System rocket; and, the university's John B. Cade Library has been
3 officially designated as a national Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) to serve
4 the community at large; and

5 WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans, located on what is now known as
6 SUNO Knights Drive (formerly part of Press Drive), continues to expand its technology
7 efforts and service to the community as it uses part of a \$3 million grant to aid in providing
8 internet access to the city of New Orleans during natural disasters, and formalized an
9 articulation agreement for the Cybersecurity Degree Pathway with Delegado Community
10 College to train future cybersecurity practitioners for workforce demands in the field of
11 information technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA) celebrates fifty-six years of
13 providing an excellent, accessible educational experience to students and programming for
14 its surrounding community, and has acquired a New Mobile Health Unit which will travel
15 across parts of northwest Louisiana providing quality health and dental screenings to
16 underserved populations, thus bringing healthcare to communities that otherwise may not
17 receive these services while building the capacity of the minority healthcare workforce
18 through their Allied Health & Nursing division to support the development of a workforce
19 that is equipped to address health disparities and engage in meaningful community work;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SU
22 Ag Center), which has expanded its statewide reach from thirty-five to forty-eight parishes,
23 has been awarded the first USDA Agricultural Science Center of Excellence for Nutrition
24 and Diet (ASCEND) Pilot Nutrition Hub, and celebrates its 81st Annual Livestock and
25 Poultry Show as the only 1890 Land-Grant University that continues this tradition of
26 providing youth throughout the state an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Southern University Law Center (SULC), a highly ranked legal
29 education institution, thrives on providing access and opportunity to the community through
30 fostering partnerships with government and nonprofit organizations to bring transformative

