

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and designates April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary
3 and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state
4 capitol.

5 WHEREAS, Southern University was established in 1880 and is proudly celebrating
6 the one hundred forty-fifth anniversary of its founding in 2025, marking over a century of
7 commitment to academic achievement, leadership, and service to the citizens of Louisiana
8 and the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the nation's only historically black
10 university system, comprising five campuses that serve as pillars of higher learning and
11 community engagement: Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Southern
12 University at New Orleans, Southern University at Shreveport, the Southern University
13 Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and the Southern University Law Center; and

14 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge is the flagship
15 of the system and a leading producer of African American graduates in science, technology,
16 engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the university also holds a nationally recognized
17 nursing program; and

18 WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans plays a critical role in expanding
19 access to higher education in the Greater New Orleans area, with strong programs in social

1 work, criminal justice, business, and now nursing and cybersecurity; it has been instrumental
2 in the city's recovery and resilience following Hurricane Katrina; and

3 WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport continues to serve as a vital access
4 point to higher education in North Louisiana, offering robust programs in allied health,
5 technology, and workforce development that meet the region's economic and employment
6 needs; and

7 WHEREAS, the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center
8 is a nationally recognized land grant institution that provides groundbreaking research,
9 extension services, and community-based programs aimed at improving quality of life for
10 Louisiana citizens, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

11 WHEREAS, the Southern University Law Center is known for its inclusive and
12 accessible legal education and has produced generations of attorneys, judges, and public
13 servants who advocate for justice, civil rights, and equity throughout Louisiana and the
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern University Day at the state capitol provides an opportunity for
16 legislators, community members, students, and alumni to come together in celebration of the
17 system's enduring legacy and ongoing contributions to education, leadership, and community
18 advancement.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Southern University on the occasion of its
21 one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as
22 Southern University Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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Commends Southern University on the occasion of its 145th anniversary and designates April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.