

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR SELDERS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Southern University for its 145 years of excellence in education, research, and  
3 public service, and to recognize April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the  
4 capitol.

5 WHEREAS, the Southern University, established in 1880, is proudly celebrating the  
6 145th anniversary of its founding, marking over a century of commitment to academic  
7 achievement, leadership, and service to the citizens of Louisiana and the nation; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, the flagship  
14 of the System, is a leading producer of African American graduates in science, technology,  
15 engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and boasts the top-ranked nursing program in the  
16 nation according to Nurses.org; and

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the Southern University Law Center (SULC), known for its inclusive  
12 and accessible legal education, 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 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
20 does hereby commend the Southern University System on the occasion of its 145th  
21 anniversary and does recognize Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the  
22 Capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 President-Chancellor of the Southern University System.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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