

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATORS SELDERS AND FOIL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana State University Day at the Legislature and commends LSU for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana State University Day at the Louisiana Legislature and to commend LSU for its enduring contributions to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its statewide campuses and extension offices, constitutes the most comprehensive public higher education system in Louisiana, fulfilling a mission centered on education, research, and service to the public; and

WHEREAS, the total LSU enterprise generated more than \$6.1 billion in economic impact last year, supporting approximately 45,700 jobs and contributing more than \$2.4 billion in new statewide earnings; producing a return of \$13.85 for every state dollar invested and generating \$690 in economic activity per Louisianian; and

WHEREAS, LSU serves as Louisiana's primary engine for workforce and talent development, enrolling more than 68,700 students across all levels of study and awarding more than 14,600 degrees last year in diverse disciplines including agriculture, engineering, medicine, nursing, law, education, business, the humanities, and the sciences; and

WHEREAS, the university plays a vital role in retaining Louisiana talent, with 65% of Louisiana residents who graduate from LSU campuses remaining in-state, and 66% of all LSU graduates working in their field of study with an average annual salary of \$110,442;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, LSU-trained professionals are essential to Louisiana's healthcare
3 system, including two-thirds of all physicians and three-fourths of all dentists practicing in
4 the state, along with countless alumni serving in fields such as nursing, public health, mental
5 health, and therapy services; and

6 WHEREAS, LSU's strategic "Pentagon Priorities" in agriculture, biomedicine, coast,
7 defense, and energy are helping to address some of the most urgent needs of both Louisiana
8 and the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.3 billion, actively
10 partnering with over 130 universities, nearly 500 private sector collaborators, and 14 of 15
11 federal cabinet-level agencies, and has reached new heights with \$543 million in annual
12 research expenditures and a place among the top 56 global universities for utility patents;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana and supporters across the nation have
15 generously invested in LSU, and the university has returned that investment through
16 life-changing education, pioneering research, meaningful community engagement, and
17 widespread public service; and

18 WHEREAS, LSU continues to represent one of the most impactful and strategic
19 investments Louisiana can make in its people, its prosperity, and its future.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature does
21 hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as LSU Day at the Legislature, commends
22 Louisiana State University for its outstanding contributions to the state, and extends its
23 sincerest appreciation and support for the university's continued mission and success.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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