

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To express a desire for strong relations between the state of Louisiana of the United States and the Bantu kingdom of Buganda in Uganda.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and the region of Buganda share a mutual commitment to fostering understanding, goodwill, and cooperation for the advancement of their people; and

WHEREAS, education stands as a fundamental pillar for development, innovation, and intercultural exchange, empowering individuals and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, technological advancement is essential to addressing global challenges, fostering sustainable economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, both Louisiana and Buganda recognize shared cultural values and traditions that can serve as a strong foundation for lasting collaboration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express a desire for strong relations between the state of Louisiana of the United States and the Bantu kingdom of Buganda in Uganda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order for relations to be strong between the state of Louisiana and the Bantu kingdom of Buganda the following initiatives must be a priority:

(1) Educational Exchange Programs wherein the United States and Uganda, with a focus on the state of Louisiana and the Bantu kingdom of Buganda, shall establish and expand educational exchange programs, enabling students, educators, and researchers to engage in cross-cultural and academic experiences that enrich learning and understanding in both nations.

(2) Joint Research Initiatives wherein collaborative research partnerships shall be encouraged in priority areas such as health, agriculture, and environmental sustainability drawing upon the unique expertise and resources of each region to address mutual and global challenges.

(3) Technology Partnerships wherein opportunities for bilateral cooperation in technology shall be explored, including sharing of innovations, capacity building, and the development of infrastructure that promotes digital inclusion and economic empowerment.

(4) Cultural Exchange Programs wherein cultural exchange initiatives shall be promoted to celebrate and preserve the diverse heritage of both Louisiana and Buganda, fostering mutual respect and deeper intercultural connections among citizens.

(5) Regular Dialogue and Coordination wherein a framework for continuous dialogue and coordination shall be established involving the BQSAC Board, educational institutions, and cultural organizations from both regions to monitor progress, share insights, and identify new avenues for cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be transmitted to relevant stakeholders in both regions, including BQSAC board members, government officials, educational entities, and cultural institutions, to ensure broad participation, support, and active engagement in building a dynamic and enduring partnership.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE