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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, March 24, 2026, as the University of Louisiana System Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 24, 2026, as the University of Louisiana System Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System (UL System) is crucial for both Louisiana's academic and economic prosperity, thanks to its fundamental mission to emphasize teaching, research, and community outreach to improve the well-being of Louisiana's residents; and

WHEREAS, the UL System is Louisiana's largest system of higher education and its universities have a \$13.6 billion annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the UL System is composed of nine distinctly vital and geographically diverse member institutions, including Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe and the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the UL System supports more than thirteen thousand dual enrollment students per year and has an exceptional combined enrollment of more than eighty-four thousand highly motivated students; and

WHEREAS, the UL System offers a comprehensive education in a broad number of

1 fields, including education, nursing, cybersecurity, maritime, humanities, physical sciences,
2 music, allied health, engineering, social studies, pharmacy, business administration, and
3 public administration; and

4 WHEREAS, the member institutions of the UL System award more than fifteen
5 thousand degrees annually, significantly contributing to the education and workforce
6 development of the state of Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of the graduates in the UL System who receive
8 TOPS awards remain in Louisiana after graduation, therefore strengthening Louisiana's
9 economy and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, one in sixteen jobs in Louisiana is supported by UL System member
11 institutions, underscoring the system's vital role in the state's workforce and economic
12 vitality; and

13 WHEREAS, to prevail in a twenty-first century economy, the UL System identifies
14 five core competencies that guide its actions: communication competence, critical and
15 creative problem solving, adaptive resilience, cultural competence, and self-reflective
16 awareness; and

17 WHEREAS, the UL System faculty contributes to a world-class knowledge base that
18 is transferable to educational, professional, cultural, and economic enterprises, and their
19 extensive talents and resources are used to solve economic, environmental, and social
20 challenges; and

21 WHEREAS, the researchers of the UL System have persistently made innovative
22 strides resulting in numerous invention disclosures and patent applications; and

23 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System is committed to creating the most
24 educated generation in Louisiana's history, and the system is deserving of the highest
25 recognition for its many achievements.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby designate Tuesday, March 24, 2026, as University of Louisiana System Day at
28 the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to the system for
29 its many contributions to the state of Louisiana.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

