

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President and CEO of the University of Louisiana System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE