

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions of the community and technical colleges in Louisiana to the education and training of students and workers and to designate Wednesday, March 25, 2026, as Louisiana Community and Technical College Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, community and technical colleges serve a pivotal role in the state's postsecondary education system that is essential in recognizing and meeting the needs of the workforce in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the state's twelve community and technical colleges are Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Delgado Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, Northshore Technical Community College, Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South Louisiana Community College, SOWELA Technical Community College, and each provides high quality education and technical training at an affordable cost that enable students and workers to become productive citizens and compete successfully for better employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these community and technical colleges work in cooperation and collaboration with business, industry, and government to provide workforce training to respond to both educational and skilled labor needs while enhancing economic development

opportunities not only in the communities served by the institutions but also throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the educational opportunity provided by community and technical colleges in Louisiana is a vital resource to our communities offering a wide range of functions and services, including two-year associate degrees and opportunities for students to transfer to four-year universities, adult basic education, certificate and diploma programs in skill and technical occupations for workers, and workforce training and retraining opportunities for business and industry, which include tailored training programs driven by market needs; and

WHEREAS, while many employment opportunities in the state require at least some training beyond high school, community and technical colleges provide learning environments that are poised to be responsive, accessible, service-oriented, and cost-effective to assist citizens in meeting the challenges of the technological advancements in the increasingly changing workplace; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated as National Community College Month to recognize the significant contributions of community colleges throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the institutions comprising the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, each with a unique institutional mission provide educational value to students, work collaboratively with business and industry in meeting workforce needs, support the community and state economic development efforts, and contribute to the lifelong learning needs of the residents of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the significant contributions of these educational institutions throughout the nation, March has been designated as National Community College Month.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions of the community and technical colleges in Louisiana to the education and training of students and workers and does hereby designate Wednesday, March 25, 2026, as Louisiana Community and Technical College Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Richard Nelson, president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE