

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize Tulane University for its vital contributions to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Tulane University is one of the country's leading research and educational institutions, home to the nation's oldest school of public health, the ninth-oldest private university in the prestigious Association of American Universities, twelfth-oldest law school, and fifteenth-oldest medical school; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University brings together scholars, students, and partners across disciplines to turn discovery into meaningful progress that advances work in public health, medicine, energy, innovation, and other areas critical to the Gulf South; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University plays a vital role in the state's economy, supporting more than thirty thousand jobs, generating \$88.2 million in annual state tax revenue, and contributing an estimated \$5.2 billion in annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Tulane researchers and physicians are improving outcomes for children and families while leading advances in areas such as infectious disease, cancer, aging, and brain health; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University's research enterprise continues to expand, which attracts significant external funding and produces work that has both global reach and direct impact across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University is making historic investments in downtown New Orleans, including the revitalization of the iconic former Charity Hospital building, which is helping to create a center of innovation, workforce development, and opportunity in the heart of the city; and

WHEREAS, Tulane's efforts are strengthening Louisiana's position in health care and the biosciences while opening new pathways for economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University is advancing leadership in the future of energy through initiatives such as the Future of Energy Forum and the establishment of the Institute for Advanced Energy Studies, both of which position Louisiana and the Gulf South at the forefront of energy innovation and transition; and

WHEREAS, Tulane faculty are engaged in groundbreaking scholarship and lifesaving research that supports national defense and protects the health of military personnel and first responders, including efforts focused on traumatic brain injury, biothreats, and diseases affecting deployed service members; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University is expanding access for Louisiana students through initiatives such as the Louisiana Promise No Loan Assistance Scholarship, which ensures that more students from low- and middle-income families can pursue a Tulane education without financial barriers; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives complement such efforts as the Legislative Scholars Program and the Mayoral Scholars Program, which provide scholarships for Louisiana students; they also support student success and help retain talent in Louisiana, which contributes to the state's long-term strength and stability; and

WHEREAS, Tulane University works closely with communities and partners across the state, advancing shared progress and improving lives, and it is most deserving of the highest recognition for its enduring contributions to the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as Tulane Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby recognize Tulane University as an invaluable asset to the state for its commitment to education, research, health care, innovation, and economic growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Michael A. Fitts, President of Tulane University.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE