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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Grambling State University upon the celebration of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding and recognizes its enduring contributions to higher education, leadership, and public service in the state of Louisiana and beyond.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Grambling State University upon the celebration of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding and to recognize its enduring contributions to higher education, leadership, and public service in the state of Louisiana and beyond.

WHEREAS, Grambling State University opened on November 1, 1901, as the Colored Industrial and Agricultural School; and

WHEREAS, the institution was founded through the efforts of the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association, organized in 1896 by African American farmers seeking to establish educational opportunities for African Americans in their region of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in response to the association's request for assistance, Booker T. Washington sent Charles P. Adams to help organize the school, and Adams became its founding president; and

WHEREAS, in 1905, the institution moved to its present location in Grambling, Louisiana, where it has continued for generations to educate students and serve communities throughout the state of Louisiana, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its distinguished history, the institution evolved in name and mission and was designated Grambling State University in 1974, while remaining

steadfast in its commitment to academic excellence, opportunity, and service; and

WHEREAS, Grambling State University has stood as a proud and enduring symbol of access, achievement, and perseverance and has made an immeasurable impact through the education of generations of students and the preparation of leaders, in countless professions and fields of service, for one hundred twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the university continues to be guided by its well-known motto, "Where Everybody is Somebody," a guiding principle that reflects its longstanding commitment to human dignity, educational opportunity, and the development of every student; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Grambling State University's one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary is a fitting occasion on which to recognize its historic legacy and its continuing importance to the people of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Grambling State University upon the celebration of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding and does hereby recognize the university for its extraordinary and lasting contributions to higher education, leadership, and public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere best wishes to the students, faculty, staff, alumni, administration, and supporters of Grambling State University upon the commemoration of this historic milestone and the institution's proud and enduring legacy of excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Grambling State University.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Commends Grambling State University upon the celebration of the 125th anniversary of its founding and to recognize its enduring contributions to higher education, leadership, and public service in the state of La. and beyond.