

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY SENATOR MURRAY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ronald Mason, President of the Southern University and A&M College System.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ronald Mason Jr., President of the Southern University and A&M College  
3 System, for his outstanding accomplishments, his years of public service, and his  
4 singular contributions to postsecondary education.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Ronald Mason as president of the Southern  
6 University system, a position in which he has served with great honor and distinction since  
7 2010, providing oversight for all five campuses in the system; and

8 WHEREAS, President Mason brings nearly thirty-five years of experience in the  
9 areas of higher education management, astute legal representation, public policy, community  
10 development coordination, and urban renewal; and

11 WHEREAS, a native son of Louisiana, Ronald Mason holds impeccable academic  
12 credentials that include graduation from Jesuit High School in New Orleans, a bachelor of  
13 arts degree from Columbia University, a juris doctorate from Columbia Law School, and an  
14 advanced degree from the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University; and

15 WHEREAS, at Tulane University, Mason served for seventeen years in a variety of  
16 administrative positions including legal advisor, senior vice president, and vice president in  
17 charge of finance and operations; this skill set provided the springboard to his illustrious  
18 career of leadership in higher education; and

1           WHEREAS, Ronald Mason has been the recipient of prestigious awards that include  
2 the Mayor's Medal of Honor from the city of New Orleans, the Martin Luther King Lifetime  
3 Achievement Award from Dillard, Loyola, Tulane, and Xavier universities, and the  
4 Columbia University John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement; and

5           WHEREAS, he is a member of civic organizations in New Orleans such as the  
6 Fellowship Foundation, the Metropolitan Area Committee, the Southern Development  
7 Foundation, the New Orleans Jobs Initiative, and the Southern Institute for Education and  
8 Research; and

9           WHEREAS, previous to his administrative duties at Southern University, Mason  
10 served as president of Jackson State University in Mississippi; and

11           WHEREAS, Ronald Mason served the state with great distinction, unquestionably  
12 improving all aspects of Southern University and as an engaging educator and administrator  
13 most certainly will provide remarkable leadership and talent as he takes his place at his next  
14 position as President of the University of the District of Columbia later this year; and

15           WHEREAS, Ronald Mason merits the highest commendation for the indelible mark  
16 he leaves on Southern University, the Southern University system, and on countless students,  
17 faculty, and staff.

18           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby commend Ronald Mason Jr., President of the Southern University and A&M  
20 College system for his outstanding accomplishments, his years of service, and his singular  
21 contributions to the betterment of postsecondary education as a whole.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
23 hereby congratulate Mr. Mason and convey best wishes for continued success and happiness  
24 in all of his future endeavors.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 Ronald Mason, President of Southern University and A&M College System.

