

119TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 209

Commending Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its Centennial and its years of service to the State of Louisiana and the United States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commending Southeastern Louisiana University on the occasion of its Centennial and its years of service to the State of Louisiana and the United States.

Whereas, on July 7, 1925, the voters of Tangipahoa Parish approved a bond issue that led to the creation of Hammond Junior College;

Whereas President Linus A. Sims opened the college to 40 students, taught by 5 faculty members, establishing the foundation for an institution committed to academic excellence and community service;

Whereas, in 1927, the voters of Tangipahoa Parish supported the purchase of the 15-acre Hunter Leake estate for the purpose of expanding the college's campus and allowing for future growth;

Whereas, in 1928, Hammond Junior College became Southeastern Louisiana College and was adopted into the Louisiana State educational system under the State Board of Education, solidifying its place as a vital institution for higher education in Louisiana;

Whereas, in 1934, a State bond issue provided for the construction of McGehee Hall, which became a historic centerpiece of the university and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on January 18, 1985;

Whereas, in 1970, Southeastern Louisiana College became Southeastern Louisiana University, reflecting its growth in academic offerings, student population, and regional impact;

Whereas, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, Southeastern Louisiana University serves more than 15,000 students annually, offering a multitude of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs through its 5 colleges and schools, fostering innovation, research, and career readiness;

Whereas Southeastern Louisiana University has academically distinguished itself in education, business, nursing and health sciences, the arts, sciences, and other fields while remaining dedicated to public service;

Whereas Southeastern Louisiana University has a strong tradition of intercollegiate athletics as a member of the Southland Conference, supporting student-athletes in their academic and athletic pursuits; and

Whereas Southeastern Louisiana University has produced notable alumni who have made significant contributions in business, public service, education, health care, and the

arts, strengthening the economy and cultural heritage of Louisiana: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends Southeastern Louisiana Univer-  
3       sity on the occasion of its Centennial and its years  
4       of service to the State of Louisiana and the United  
5       States;

6               (2) recognizes Southeastern Louisiana Univer-  
7       sity for its dedication to higher education, research,  
8       and community service; and

9               (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of  
10      the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-  
11      tion to—

12               (A) the President of Southeastern Lou-  
13      isiana University, the Honorable Dr. William S.  
14      Wainwright;

15               (B) the Provost and Vice President for  
16      Academic Affairs of Southeastern Louisiana  
17      University, the Honorable Dr. Tena L. Golding;  
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19               (C) the Vice President for University Ad-  
20      vancement of Southeastern Louisiana Univer-  
21      sity, the Honorable Ms. Wendy Lauderdale.

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