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S. RES. 543

Commending Centenary College of Louisiana on the occasion of its bicentennial and its years of service to the State of Louisiana and the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commending Centenary College of Louisiana on the occasion of its bicentennial and its years of service to the State of Louisiana and the United States.

Whereas, on February 18, 1825, the College of Louisiana was established by the State legislature in Jackson, Louisiana, where, in the young State, it quickly established itself as one of the leading colleges in the United States;

Whereas, in January 1826, the college opened its doors to its first class of students;

Whereas, in 1839, Centenary College was founded in Brandon Springs, Mississippi, under the auspices of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, honoring the centennial of the ministry of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism;

Whereas, in 1845, the College of Louisiana and Centenary College merged to create Centenary College of Louisiana, which is today the oldest institution of higher learning in Louisiana, and the oldest chartered liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River;

Whereas Centenary College of Louisiana was debilitated by the loss of property and life during the Civil War and struggled to regain its prominence;

Whereas, in the early 20th century, a group of forward-thinking church, civil, and philanthropic leaders proposed relocating Centenary College of Louisiana to Shreveport, a move that was completed in 1908;

Whereas, in 1970, construction of the “Gold Dome” was completed and has since played host to countless athletic events, as well as to a President of the United States and an individual who would later become President;

Whereas, throughout its history in Northwest Louisiana, Centenary College of Louisiana has been a leading educator in its region, truly establishing itself as Shreveport-Bossier’s college, and has been consistently recognized as a nationally ranked liberal arts institution;

Whereas Centenary College of Louisiana generates significant economic benefit for the Northwest Louisiana region and enriches the local population with its cultural, intellectual, and athletic activities available to the public; and

Whereas Centenary College of Louisiana has grown markedly in its enrollment, academic programming, and extra-curricular offerings in its last decade, reflective of its prominence as a comprehensive liberal arts institution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) commends Centenary College of Louisiana
2 on the occasion of its bicentennial and its years of
3 service to the State of Louisiana and the United
4 States;

5 (2) recognizes Centenary College of Louisiana
6 for its dedication and longstanding contributions to
7 higher education in the State of Louisiana and the
8 Northwest Louisiana community; 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 Centenary College of
13 Louisiana, the Honorable Dr. Christopher L.
14 Holoman;

15 (B) the Provost and Vice President for
16 Academic Affairs of Centenary College of Lou-
17 isiana, the Honorable Dr. Karen Soul; and

18 (C) the Centenary College of Louisiana Bi-
19 centennial Planning Committee.

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