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A RESOLUTION

TO COMMEMORATE A.P. TUREAUD, JR., FOR THE RACIAL INTEGRATION LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1953, AS THE FIRST BLACK STUDENT TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, ADMISSION TO LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY undergraduate school was denied to A.P. TUREAUD JR. IN 1953 DUE TO HIS RACE, AS IT WAS THE FINAL PART OF THE UNIVERSITY TO INTEGRATE; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, TUREAUD, JR. TOOK LEGAL ACTION WITH HIS FATHER, PROMINENT NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, A.P. TUREAUD, SR. AS HIS COUNSEL AND FILED SUIT IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, WHICH RULED IN HIS FAVOR ALLOWING HIM TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, HIS ADMISION ONLY LASTED SIX WEEKS, AS THE COURT RULING FOR UNIVERSITY INTEGRATION WAS OVERTURNED AFTER UNIVERSITY ATTORNEYS FILED APPEAL AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ASKED THE 17-YEAR-OLD TO LEAVE CAMPUS; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, TUREAUD, JR. WON HIS FIGHT TO REMAIN A STUDENT AT LSU IN A SELDOM-GRAANTED, 8-0 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT VOTE ALLOWING TUREAUD, JR. TO RESUME UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PENDING ADDITIONAL LEGAL ACTION OF HIS CASE; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, A.P. TUREAUD, JR., REFUSED TO RETURN TO LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AS HE FELT THE EXPERIENCE TOO DIFFICULT; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, A.P. TUREAUD HAS LIVED FOR SIX DECADES WITH MEMORIES OF THE HATE AND PREJUDICE HE FACED AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, A.P. TUREAUD JR., IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR HIS JOURNEY OF JUSTICE AS HE IS LIVING HISTORY OF THE INTEGRATION AND THE BLACK EXPERIENCE AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, A.P. TUREAUD JR., IS HEREBY DEEMED AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BLACK CAUCUS AS HE IS A LIVING LEGACY ILLUSTRATING THE PROGRESSION OF CHANGE FOR BLACK STUDENTS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY;
PARAGRAPH 9:  THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT A.P. TUREAUD BE THUS COMMEMORATED.


PARAGRAPH 11:  THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

Approved:

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Brooksie Bonvillain                        J Ryan Hudson
Speaker of the Senate                      Student Body President

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