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STUDENT SENATE

F18RS

SGR No. 3

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A RESOLUTION

NOTING THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO ENSURE STABLE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND URGING FURTHER EFFORTS TO ENSURE CONTINUED BUDGET STABILITY AND FULL HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, AFTER NUMEROUS SETBACKS AND THREE SPECIAL SESSIONS IN 2018 ALONE, THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FINALLY AGREED ON A PARTIAL EXTENSION OF THE "FIFTH PENNY" OF STATE SALES TAX THROUGH 2025, ALLOWING FOR A "STABLE" HIGHER-EDUCATION BUDGET FOR AT LEAST THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, WHILE THIS AGREEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT THAT SHOULD HOLD OFF THE "FISCAL CLIFF" WELL INTO THE NEXT DECADE, IT ONLY PREVENTS FURTHER CUTS INSTEAD OF REVERSING PAST ONES, AND MULTIPLE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE ALREADY FELT IT NECESSARY TO RAISE STUDENT FEES TO PAY FOR INCREASING EMPLOYEE COSTS OF LIVING AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, EVEN WITH THE AGREEMENT, LOUISIANA'S INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION FALLS FAR SHORT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL AVERAGE, MUCH LESS THE FUNDING THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE STATE'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PERFORM AT THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, STRUCTURAL FISCAL REFORMS, LONG URGED BY MANY ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS SHORTFALL TO BE MADE UP, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, GIVEN THE STABILITY PROVIDED BY THE AGREEMENT AND THE GRAVITY OF THE STRUCTURAL FISCAL ISSUES – MANY OF WHICH DATE FROM NOT JUST THE POST-2008 BUDGET CUTS BUT ALSO THE PREVIOUS SERIES OF CUTS IN THE 1980S – IT IS ADVISABLE TO "FIX THE ROOF WHILE THE SUN IS SHINING," AND PROPERLY-DONE REFORMS WOULD BE WORTH DEMONSTRATING TO ONE'S CONSTITUENTS LEADING UP TO THE OCTOBER 2019 STATE ELECTIONS;

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THIS BODY NOTES WITH APPROVAL THE WORK DONE BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO ENSURE STABLE HIGHER-EDUCATION FUNDING, EVEN AT SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL RISK, AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO

56 REVERSE THE POST-2008 DISINVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION;
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59 **PARAGRAPH 7:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS BODY URGES THE
60 GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE – ESPECIALLY THOSE
61 LEGISLATORS WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR THE SALES TAX
62 COMPROMISE – TO COME TOGETHER TO FORMULATE A
63 REASONABLE AND PRODUCTIVE PACKAGE OF STRUCTURAL FISCAL
64 REFORMS THAT CAN BE PASSED IN THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF
65 THE LEGISLATURE AND THAT WOULD MAKE FURTHER
66 INVESTMENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND OTHER CRUCIAL AREAS
67 POSSIBLE WITHOUT LAYING FURTHER BURDENS ON STUDENTS
68 AND LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES; AND

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70 **PARAGRAPH 8:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
71 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR JOHN BEL
72 EDWARDS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE
73 LEGISLATURE, STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT STEWART
74 LOCKETT, AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF
75 GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SARAH PROCOPIO.

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77 **PARAGRAPH 9:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
78 SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU
79 STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON
80 LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE
81 PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON
82 THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

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89 **Stewart Lockett**
90 **Student Body President**

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