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authored by Senator(s):

SENATOR McLendon, Griswold, Antie, Pallotta

A Resolution

To Urge and Request Louisiana State University to make public statements

discouraging people from going onto the LSU Indian Mounds.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Campus Mounds (often called the "Indian Mounds") are two mounds constructed by Native American tribes and are thought to have been used for ceremonial and marking purposes; and

WHEREAS, scholars estimate the age of the two mounds to be anywhere from 5000 to 11300 years old. These evaluations would made them the oldest surviving man-made structures in the America's (and possibly oldest in the world); and

WHEREAS, Given this historical and cultural significance, we as students and citizens of this land that was once inhabited by the tribes that built these mounds should respect and protect them; and



WHEREAS, The Robey Clark Distinguished Professor in Geology at LSU award winner, Brooks Ellwood, said “We need to work hard to save and preserve the mounds and make their uniqueness known to the community”; and

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WHEREAS, over the years the mounds have suffered constant abuse from tailgate parties, cars driving over them, and even students sledding down them; and

WHEREAS, there has been attempts to preserve them: such as setting up chain link fences around them during game days and building short brick walls around them, so students could no longer drive on them; and

WHEREAS, however, recently there were a large number of students sledding down the mounds and posting videos of it to social media; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that Student Government urges and requests Louisiana State University continuously send communications to students in all relevant forms regarding the unique nature of the Indian Mounds, and the need for their preservation, and the need to avoid passage on these landmarks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO President-Interim Tom Galligan, Provost Stacia Haynie, and Vice President of Strategic Communications Jim Sabourin .

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature by the Student Body 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:

Marina Cole

Speaker of the Senate

Date: 3/11/21

Stone Cox

Student Body President

Date: 3/11/21