

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (HCR) 24 RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS TO STUDY ESTABLISHING A SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER CAMPUS IN SHREVEPORT

WHEREAS, the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is considering HCR 24 to request the Louisiana Board of Regents to study how to meet education, economic, and workforce needs of the Shreveport-Bossier region, including through establishment of Southern University Law Center campus in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, HCR 24 also requests the Louisiana Board of Regents submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education by not later than ninety days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 5(5)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides, relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier area has great interest in establishing a campus of the Southern University Law Center in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Shreveport area for law degree programs in order to meet the educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, HCR 24 seeks to provide the ability to fulfill the regions needs relative to a law school in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is considering providing resources to help pay cost of study and that local facilities are available to SU System at no cost to help make this effort a reality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby:

Support HCR 24 requesting a feasibility study on the establishment of a Southern University Law Center campus in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to the following: the Northwest Louisiana Legislative delegation, the Honorable Speaker of the House Taylor Barras, The Honorable President of the Louisiana Senate, John Alario, the House and Senate Education Committee Chair, the Commissioner of Education, and urge their support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date