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SEN. APPEL CALLS FOR ENHANCED HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN NEW ORLEANS

SENATE RESOLUTION 123 DIRECTS REGENTS TO DEVELOP PLAN TO MAKE OPTIMAL USE OF RESOURCES

District 9 Senator Conrad Appel (R-Metairie), along with District 2 Senator Ann Duplessis (D-New Orleans), is making every effort to promote a functional and efficient system of higher education in the New Orleans region. Their vision is one that sees the primary institutions in the area, Southern University at New Orleans, University of New Orleans and Delgado Community College, working together as a functional unit yet retaining their individuality. To do this, Sen. Appel and Sen. Duplessis sponsored Senate Resolution 123 which directs the Board of Regents to study the provision of higher education opportunities in New Orleans and develop a plan that will allow them to make optimal use of every available resource, whether it be academic, monetary or physical.

"We need to take a good look at the assets that we have and do the everything we can to put them to their best use to the benefit of all," said Sen. Appel. "Educational institutions in New Orleans have the ability to be great and the resources are there, we just need a plan that will allow them to specialize in certain areas and realize their potential."

The goal of the resolution is to allow every student attending a college in the New Orleans area the chance to successfully and efficiently pursue their academic dreams. The success and stability of these institutions are vital to their students and communities. Sen. Appel believes that political boundaries and historic roles of the institutions must be set aside in order to start anew and create a world class post-secondary education system the New Orleans area.

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