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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (La GRAD) Act of 2011 was approved by the Legislature and Governor to provide new administrative flexibilities that could result in savings or revenue generation;

WHEREAS, the La GRAD Act was based on improving outcomes in postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, the La GRAD Act opened an opportunity for postsecondary education institutions to be more active in cost mitigation thereby changing the culture with respect to spending and budgeting; Whereas, the flagship university qualified for the procurement authority opening opportunities for other institutions to participate;

WHEREAS, the flagship university qualified for the risk management autonomy that has not yet been made available to other institutions;

WHEREAS, these administrative autonomies are business-like in their approach and are common throughout American higher education;

Therefore be it resolved, the LSU Board of Supervisors supports the expansion of administrative autonomies to all public colleges and universities so that they may have the ability to save money while also taking a greater role in the management of their internal affairs and placing within their hands greater control of their futures;

Be it further resolved, the savings and revenue generated can should be returned to the mission-oriented functions of education, research, and outreach;

Be it further resolved, the LSU Board asks the Legislature to take actions necessary to extend the autonomies listed in the La GRAD Act and any other autonomies to all public postsecondary institutions.