


## ELLENDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY MODERNIZATION RESOLUTION

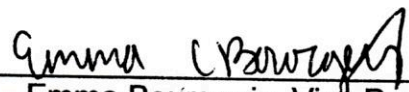
**We, the Student Government Association and Student Senate of Nicholls State University, do hereby support and request that the Capital Outlay request to renovate Ellender Memorial Library be funded to provide the students of Nicholls State University a modern, relevant and intellectually stimulating library to study, research and collaborate.**

- Whereas:** we believe that a library is a place of pride and prestige for a university; and
- Whereas:** the Library houses the University's Archives preserving 70 years of Nicholls history in addition to numerous collections containing rare and historical cultural materials from the region; and
- Whereas:** opened in 1980 the library has acted as a traditional library for 38 years and has outlived its original purpose and certain structural improvements are needed in the immediate future; and
- Whereas:** we believe the library should be utilized as not just a traditional library, but a central hub for essential student services; and
- Whereas:** due to its age and current configuration, the library currently does not adequately fulfill its potential;
- Whereas:** funding constraints during construction limited the inclusion of certain essential safety features; such as a fire suppression system; and
- Whereas:** we also believe that the library has a potential to be a building that is utilized to its optimum potential by creating spaces for student collaboration, research and finding solutions for some of the problems facing society; and
- Whereas:** the library must be adapted to the changing trends in how libraries serve their different populations; and
- Whereas:** we believe that this renovation will not only be a great benefit to the Nicholls Community, but to the State of Louisiana and region as well; and

**Therefore be it Resolved:** that the Student Government Association and Student Senate of Nicholls State University believing it to be mutually beneficial, we ask that the members of the Capital Outlay Committee consider and accept this resolution.

**Therefore be it Further Resolved:** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Nicholls State University President Dr. Jay Clune; Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Velma Westbrook; Executive Vice President, Mr. Alex Arceneaux; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Michelle Caruso, Division of Administration, and to the Honorable Representative(s) and Senator(s) that comprise the Nicholls State University Legislative delegation.

  
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