

RESOLUTION-2011
FROM THE
ULM FACULTY SENATE
TO THE
LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING FOR LOUIS

WHEREAS, LOUIS, the Louisiana Library Network, provides essential information resources and services that contribute to the success of our university and college students and faculty through a consortium of 47 member libraries;

WHEREAS, These essential resources and services include the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) Library automation system and catalog of the library collections, electronic research databases and full-text journals, remote access to library resources 24/7 through authentication of users, Interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing among all member libraries, and the Louisiana Digital Library, as well as centralized servers and an expert support staff;

WHEREAS, LOUIS is essential to the functions of each Louisiana public post-secondary education institution because without it, students would no longer be able to conduct research in order to write the papers required for their courses and faculty would no longer have access to the resources they need to continue to produce quality research in their fields;

WHEREAS, LOUIS purchased over \$19 million of resources for member libraries in 2010 for only \$3.1 million, representing a huge savings to each campus and to the state;

WHEREAS, in the past, the Board of Regents provided 70% of the funding, with member institutions contributing 30%, a feasible amount for all;

WHEREAS, LOUIS funding is uncertain for 2011, and ULM and other institutions do not have the funds to