

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 178

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, this resolution commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rowan University.

Over the past 100 years, Rowan University has evolved from a two-year teacher preparation program to a nationally ranked public research university. When the university opened its doors in 1923, it enrolled 236 potential teachers. Today, Rowan University enrolls approximately 22,000 students and offers 98 bachelor's, 58 master's, three professional, and 19 doctoral degree programs. It is also one of only four universities in the nation with medical schools granting both D.O. and M.D. degrees.

Rowan University has continually evolved to provide more opportunities for its students while simultaneously gaining national recognition. Rowan University became a leader in the special education movement in the 1930s and 1940s when it opened a clinic for children with reading disabilities that was later expanded to include physical therapy for persons with disabilities. The university received worldwide attention during the Cold War when it hosted a historic summit conference between President Lyndon Johnson and Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin on its campus.

Among its accolades, U.S. News & World Report ranked Rowan University within the top 100 of public national universities in 2023. The Chronicle of Higher Education's 2023-2024 Almanac also recognized that Rowan University is the fourth fastest-growing public research university in the nation.

The Legislature commends Rowan University for its contributions to its students and the State over the past 100 years and honors Rowan University on the centennial of its founding.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the resolution to:

- update Rowan University's total student enrollment;
- update the number of programs offered by Rowan University;
- update the institution's accolades to reflect the current year;
and
- make a technical change to utilize person-first language.