GILL DISCUSSES
DELGADO’S PAST

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BATON ROUGE, La. — The million in 50 years, the goal of its vocational and technical education of the skilled and technical areas, and one of those should not continue if Louisiana is to develop. Gill expects to attract the industrial Uttar College in New Orleans. Gill said, New Orleans said in an address in the House of Representatives Tuesday.

"This is the 50th anniversary of Delgado College, founded in 1921, and operated by the City of New Orleans until Nov. 6, 1970," Gill said. "Briefly, tracing the legislative actions during the last few years, Act 247 of 1965 recognized and approved Delgado as a model community college with comprehensive programs in the vocational-technical areas, while Act 440 of 1970 enabled the complete transfer of the institution, with the approval of the mayor and City Council of New Orleans, to the state board of education which is now responsible for the major policies and programs and the general operation of the institution.

"So, now the state has full authority and responsibility for Delgado, an extra effort should be given to provide supplemental funds for this institution which has suffered financial neglect over such a sustained period of time. No longer can the reason be given that the city controls the management of the school; the control of all operations is strictly in the hands of the state board; and only a $99,000 adjustment has been allowed by the state division of administration of the governor's office.

"To give adequate support to and provide a better understanding for development of Delgado as a comprehensive two-year community junior college requires additional funds. It is obvious that a detrimental disparity has developed in upgrading the technical and vocational programs in Louisiana—Delgado has been a leader for 50 years and the state funding is only $2.1 million when it should be several times that amount. When the institution is compared with some other educational institutions having opened during the more recent years, the disparity is obvious.