

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as Louisiana
A+ Schools Day at the state capitol

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as Louisiana A+ Schools Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana A+ Schools (LAA+) is an organization dedicated to
4 transforming schools by nurturing creativity in every learner through an arts-integrated
5 school network; and

6 WHEREAS, arts-integrated education and investing in the arts help to generate a
7 more creative and stable work force, which ultimately leads to economic growth; and

8 WHEREAS, research has shown that sponsorship of arts and culture benefits the state
9 economy by creating jobs, attracting investments, generating tax revenues, and stimulating
10 local economies; and

11 WHEREAS, LAA+ envisions a state brimming with creative and innovate schools
12 where the arts become the catalyst for a reawakening; and

13 WHEREAS, students love to learn in an arts-rich environment where their
14 imaginations can grow and where they learn to see the world as a place with endless
15 possibilities; and

16 WHEREAS, teachers thrive in schools where creativity is encouraged and where they
17 are charged with inspiring, and not just delivering information to, students; and

18 WHEREAS, communities with schools that place importance on the arts are vibrant
19 hubs for innovation and gathering places for celebrating new ideas and the power of the
20 imagination; and

1 WHEREAS, the key to the success of the LAA+ network is an emphasis on the eight
2 essentials: Arts, Curriculum, Experiential Learning, Multiple Learning Pathways, Enriched
3 Assessments, Collaboration, Infrastructure, and Networking; and

4 WHEREAS, eighteen schools across Louisiana are members of the LAA+ network;
5 they include a wide variety of schools: urban, rural, public, private, rich, poor, and A
6 schools through F schools; and

7 WHEREAS, over seven hundred Louisiana teachers have been trained in arts-
8 integration methods, and over seventy-five hundred Louisiana students are impacted by
9 LAA+ arts-integration training everyday; and

10 WHEREAS, research shows that students in LAA+ schools score higher on
11 standardized tests, have fewer discipline problems, attend class more, and benefit from
12 increased parental involvement; and

13 WHEREAS, any school in Louisiana is eligible to be a part of the LAA+ network
14 and is welcomed to apply; and

15 WHEREAS, originally started by famed Louisiana artist George Rodrigue and the
16 George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts, LAA+ is now a stand-alone, public foundation.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 recognize Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as Louisiana A+ Schools Day at the state capitol and
19 commends Louisiana A+ Schools for their noble work sponsoring arts-integrated education
20 which benefits students in the great state of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the director of Louisiana A+ Schools.

DIGEST

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