

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE