

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 4, 2022, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, seventy-four percent of Louisiana's fourth grade students do not read proficiently, and dyslexia is a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five people; and

WHEREAS, students who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school, and those who have not mastered at least a basic level of reading proficiency are nearly six times as likely to leave school without earning a diploma; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning was founded in 1992 and is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary as an organization dedicated to facilitating leading-edge scientific research, knowledge, and best practices that improve teaching and increase student learning; and

WHEREAS, considered as a group, the members of The Center for Literacy and Learning have 386 years of combined professional experience, and they use this experience to focus on closing the achievement gap by increasing teacher effectiveness, by advancing public education reform, and by providing educators who teach our most at-risk children with professional learning that is specific and targeted to their needs; and

WHEREAS, with an in-the-trenches approach, The Center for Literacy and Learning tackles real-world issues in an effective way by searching for ways to remediate struggling readers, differentiate instruction for diverse learners, and build and sustain collective capacity; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana Department of Education have formed a partnership to improve the state's literacy rates; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, The Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana Department of Education launched the Literacy Coach Program, in which 15 regional literacy specialists serve over 64 local education agencies, 250 individual schools, 184 literacy coaches, and approximately 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, The Center for Literacy and Learning successfully advocated for the legislative creation of the Early Literacy Commission, which includes a body of experts dedicated to guiding the future of literacy policy and programming; and

WHEREAS, improving the literacy rates in Louisiana is necessary to increase student success in all areas of education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 4, 2022, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and thank The Center for Literacy and Learning for its dedication to improving reading proficiency for all of Louisiana's students.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES