

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes May 3, 2023, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 3, 2023, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

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

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

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

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

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

1 capacity; and

2 WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana Department of  
3 Education have created a key partnership emphasizing the importance of improving our  
4 state's literacy rates and launched the Literacy Coach Program in 2020. As of the 2022-2023  
5 school year, the Literacy Coach Program has served twenty local education agencies across  
6 eighteen parishes, sixty-five schools, and fifty-two literacy coaches; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2019 the Center for Literacy and Learning successfully advocated  
8 for the legislative creation of the Early Literacy Commission consisting of a body of experts  
9 guiding the future of literacy policy and programming; and

10 WHEREAS, improving literacy rates in Louisiana is necessary to increase Louisiana  
11 students' success in all other areas of education.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby commend the dedicated work of the Center for Literacy and Learning and does  
14 hereby extend gratitude for its work in improving reading proficiency in all of Louisiana's  
15 students; and does hereby designate May 3, 2023, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State  
16 Capitol.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 Center for Literacy and Learning.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nicholas Davison.

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