

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 3, 2023, as Literacy Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, 72% of Louisiana's fourth grade students do not read proficiently, and
4 dyslexia is a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five people, 20% of
5 the population; 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 & Learning was founded in 1992 and is
11 celebrating its thirty-first anniversary facilitating leading-edge scientific research,
12 knowledge, and best practices that improve teaching and increase student learning; and

13 WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy & Learning uses its nearly three hundred years
14 of combined professional education experience to focus on closing the achievement gap by
15 increasing teacher effectiveness and advancing public education reform by providing
16 educators who teach our most at-risk children with professional learning that is specific and
17 targeted to the needs of those students and their fellow teachers; and

18 WHEREAS, with an "in the trenches" approach, the Center for Literacy & Learning
19 tackles real-time challenges such as remediating struggling readers, differentiating
20 instruction for diverse learners, and building and sustaining collective capacity; and

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

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

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

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

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