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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Teach For America for its efforts to address educational inequity across the country

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Teach For America for its efforts to address educational inequity across the
3 country.

4 WHEREAS, Teach For America was started by Wendy Kopp to address the national
5 teacher shortage and to improve academic outcomes for low-income children; the
6 organization launched in 1990 with four hundred eighty-nine corps members in the five
7 founding regions of New York, Los Angeles, eastern North Carolina, rural Georgia, and
8 southern Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Teach For America is a leadership development organization for those
10 who want to co-create a more just world alongside young people in the community; today,
11 the organization is a network of nearly seventy-thousand leaders who started in the
12 classroom and remain in lifelong pursuit of the vision that all children will be afforded the
13 opportunity to receive a quality education; and

14 WHEREAS, Teach For America's mission is to find, develop, and support equity-
15 oriented leaders to transform education and expand opportunity for all children; the
16 organization works to create an environment where educators, policymakers, parents, and
17 students work together to ensure that children have an adequate foundation upon which they
18 can learn, lead, thrive, and shape a better future; and

19 WHEREAS, Teach For America recruits outstanding and diverse leaders to serve as
20 "corps members"; these individuals commit to two years teaching in low-income
21 communities where they can experience the challenges and rewards of creating and

1 expanding opportunities for children; after this, corps members become part of the
2 organization's alumni network; in Louisiana, there are alumni in more than thirty parishes;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Teach For America also provides a high-impact tutoring program called
5 the Ignite Fellowship; this program recruits and trains college students to provide in-school
6 virtual tutoring for students who are struggling academically; there are over two hundred
7 thirty-five Ignite tutors in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Teach For America and its members are most deserving of the highest
9 recognition for their dedicated efforts to eliminate educational inequality and for laying the
10 foundation for a better future for American education.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Teach For America for its efforts to address
13 educational inequity across the country and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the
14 organization and its members continue to prosper in their endeavors to improve American
15 education.

DIGEST

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