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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Teach For America recruits outstanding and diverse leaders to serve as "corps members"; these individuals commit to two years teaching in low-income communities where they can experience the challenges and rewards of creating and expanding opportunities for children; after this, corps members become part of the organization's alumni network; in Louisiana, there are alumni in more than thirty parishes; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES