

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, 72% of Louisiana's fourth grade students do not read proficiently; literacy is a foundation of a student's academic success; 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 more likely to leave school without earning a diploma; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five people; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy and Learning was founded in 1992 and has been implementing instructional and coaching practices, based on scientific research, knowledge, and best practices, that improve teaching and increasing student learning; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy and Learning uses its 347 years of combined professional education experience to focus on closing the achievement gap by increasing teacher effectiveness, by advancing public education reform, and by providing educators who teach the most at-risk children with professional learning that is specific and targeted to the needs of those students and their fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS, with a literacy wraparound approach, the center provides services to educators, families, and communities to support both in- and out-of-classroom learning; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana Department of Education created a key partnership emphasizing the importance of improving our state's literacy rates and launched the Literacy Coaching Program in 2020, through which our literacy and learning specialists served twelve local education agencies, fifty-three individual schools, and forty-five literacy coaches in the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, improving the literacy rate in Louisiana is necessary for developing a robust workforce, creating high-quality jobs, and strengthening our economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Literacy Day at the state capitol; does hereby recognize the work of the Center for Literacy and Learning; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that efforts to improve literacy in Louisiana continue.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES