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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

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EDUCATION: Urges and requests the members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to work with President Donald J. Trump and his administration on providing an exemption to the immigration ban for teachers on a J-1 visa

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to work with
3	President Donald J. Trump and his administration on providing an exemption to the
4	immigration ban for teachers on a J-1 visa.
5	WHEREAS, on June 22, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, issued a continuation of
6	Proclamation 10014 (Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the United
7	States Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus
8	Outbreak) which includes the suspension of the entry of any alien into the United States by
9	way of a J-1 visa until December 31, 2020; and
10	WHEREAS, Proclamation 10014 would prevent seventy-three teachers from around
11	the world from receiving J-1 visas needed to teach in Louisiana schools, leaving over
12	twenty-two hundred students across our state's school districts without a teacher or any
13	foreign language instruction; and
14	WHEREAS, The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)
15	was created in 1968 by Legislative Act 409 in order "to accomplish the development,
16	utilization, and preservation of the French language as found in Louisiana for the cultural,
17	economic, and touristic benefit of the state"; and
18	WHEREAS, French immersion education is an essential element in the restoration
19	and development of Louisiana's primary heritage language; and

1 WHEREAS, French immersion students consistently achieve higher results on 2 standardized tests than their non-immersion peers, regardless of socioeconomic status; and 3 WHEREAS, immersion students typically develop greater cognitive flexibility, 4 demonstrating increased attention control, better memory, and superior problem-solving 5 skills as well as an enhanced understanding of their primary language; and 6 WHEREAS, immersion students are more aware of and generally show more 7 positive attitudes towards other cultures and an appreciation of other people; and 8 WHEREAS, granting J-1 visas to foreign teachers will not take jobs away from 9 American teachers, as there is a shortage of qualified immersion teachers in our country, 10 which is why Louisiana created international accords with France and Belgium to recruit 11 foreign teachers. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request members of the Louisiana 14 Congressional Delegation to work with President Donald J. Trump and his administration 15 to maintain the integrity of language immersion in Louisiana by granting an exemption to 16 the immigration ban for teachers on a J-1 visa. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 18 members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation at both their Louisiana district office 19 and office in Washington, D.C.

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