

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 6, 2021, as Literacy Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, May 6, 2021, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, 74% 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; and

5 WHEREAS, students who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are
6 four times more likely to drop out of school, and those who have not mastered at least a
7 basic level of reading proficiency are nearly six times as likely to leave school without
8 earning a diploma; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana spends more than \$270 million annually to remediate students
10 who read below grade level, thus making reading an activity that has both educational and
11 economic significance; and

12 WHEREAS, the Center for Development and Learning was founded in 1992 to
13 develop and disseminate leading-edge scientific research, knowledge, and best practices that
14 improve teaching and increase student learning; and

15 WHEREAS, the Center for Development and Learning focuses on closing the
16 achievement gap by increasing teacher effectiveness and advancing public education reform
17 and by providing educators who teach our most at-risk children with professional learning
18 that is specific and targeted to their needs; and

19 WHEREAS, with an in-the-trenches approach, the Center for Development and
20 Learning tackles real-world issues in an effective way by searching for ways to remediate

1 struggling readers, differentiate instruction for diverse learners, and build and sustain
2 collective capacity; and

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education has emphasized the importance
4 of improving Louisiana's literacy rates, and has launched a new initiative to spark a reading
5 revival across the state by providing tools for system leaders, classroom teachers, and family
6 members to support children on their journey to literacy; and

7 WHEREAS, improving the literacy rates in Louisiana is necessary to increase a
8 student's success in all areas of his education.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 6, 2021, as Literacy Day at
11 the state capitol and does hereby commend and thank the Center for Development and
12 Learning for its dedication to improving reading proficiency in all of Louisiana's students.

DIGEST

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