

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 13, 2021, as Homeschool Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, May 13, 2021, as Homeschool Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, it is the fundamental, unalienable right of parents to direct the  
4 upbringing, care, and education of their children; and

5 WHEREAS, every individual and each family has the unalienable right to act and  
6 order their life according to their conscience; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States recognizes it is a legal and philosophical right of  
8 parents to home educate their children; and

9 WHEREAS, in essence, homeschooling is private, parent-led, home-based education,  
10 and is an age-old educational practice that a decade ago appeared to be cutting-edge and  
11 alternative but is now bordering on mainstream in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, there are about 2.4 million home-educated students in the United States,  
13 and the homeschool population continues to grow; according to a recent census survey, prior  
14 to COVID, the homeschool population had grown at an estimated two to eight percent per  
15 annum and after COVID, families who chose to homeschool nearly doubled; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Department of Education, there are almost  
17 40,000 K-12 homeschool students in Louisiana in the spring of 2021; and

18 WHEREAS, most parents and youth decide to homeschool for more than one reason;  
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20 WHEREAS, the most common reasons given for choosing home-based education  
21 include the desire to customize or individualize the curriculum and learning environment for

1 each child; to enhance family relationships between children and parents and among  
2 siblings; to teach and impart a particular set of values, beliefs, and worldviews to children  
3 and youth, among other reasons; and

4 WHEREAS, a 2019 data analysis revealed that Louisiana private homeschool  
5 students are scoring at the 80th to 86th percentile across the subjects of reading, language,  
6 math, science, and social studies on standardized academic achievement tests, which is thirty  
7 to thirty-six percentile points above the U.S. public school average; and

8 WHEREAS, according to studies, homeschool students are doing well, typically  
9 above average, on measures of social, emotional, and psychological development and are  
10 regularly engaged in multiple social and educational activities outside their homes and with  
11 people other than their nuclear-family members; and

12 WHEREAS, the research base of adults who were homeschooled is growing, and  
13 thus far research shows homeschool graduates are quite successful in adulthood and go on  
14 to succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population, participate in  
15 local community service more frequently than the general population, and vote and attend  
16 public meetings more frequently than the general population, among other indices.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, May 13, 2021, as Homeschool  
19 Day at the state capitol; does hereby extend sincere gratitude to the parents who choose to  
20 homeschool for their pedagogical efforts on behalf of their children; and does hereby salute  
21 the homeschooled children whose academic and personal excellence are of immense benefit  
22 to the great state of Louisiana.

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