

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 4, 2022, as Literacy Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 4, 2022, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, seventy-four percent of Louisiana's fourth grade students do not read
4 proficiently, and dyslexia is a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five
5 people; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning was founded in 1992 and is
11 celebrating its thirtieth anniversary as an organization dedicated to facilitating leading-edge
12 scientific research, knowledge, and best practices that improve teaching and increase student
13 learning; and

14 WHEREAS, considered as a group, the members of The Center for Literacy and
15 Learning have 386 years of combined professional experience, and they use this experience
16 to focus on closing the achievement gap by increasing teacher effectiveness, by advancing
17 public education reform, and by providing educators who teach our most at-risk children
18 with professional learning that is specific and targeted to their needs; and

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

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

3 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana Department of
4 Education have formed a partnership to improve the state's literacy rates; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2020, The Center for Literacy and Learning and the Louisiana
6 Department of Education launched the Literacy Coach Program, in which 15 regional
7 literacy specialists serve over 64 local education agencies, 250 individual schools, 184
8 literacy coaches, and approximately 16,000 students; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2019, The Center for Literacy and Learning successfully advocated
10 for the legislative creation of the Early Literacy Commission, which includes a body of
11 experts dedicated to guiding the future of literacy policy and programming; and

12 WHEREAS, improving the literacy rates in Louisiana is necessary to increase student
13 success in all areas of his education.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 4, 2022, as Literacy Day
16 at the state capitol and does hereby commend and thank The Center for Literacy and
17 Learning for its dedication to improving reading proficiency for all of Louisiana's students.

DIGEST

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