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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, WILFORD CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FIRMENT, FISHER, GLOVER, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MIGUEZ, MINCEY, PIERRE, ROMERO, SELDERS, AND THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request members of the Louisiana House of Representatives to volunteer to substitute teach in a public school.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana states that the goal of the public educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential; and

WHEREAS, the constitution further provides that the legislature shall provide for the education of the people of the state and shall establish and maintain a public educational system; and

WHEREAS, the public schools and teachers of this state are of vital importance to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the decisions of the legislature significantly impact and determine the quality of our public schools and teachers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all House members have first-hand knowledge of and experience with public schools, teachers, and classrooms in order to inform the policy decisions that impact and shape public education in this state; and

WHEREAS, one way to ensure this knowledge and experience is for House members to substitute teach in a public school classroom; and

WHEREAS, engaging in substitute teaching will also enable students, teachers, and administrators to better know and communicate with their state representatives; and

WHEREAS, this concept was introduced in House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 of the 2004 Regular Session, and as the state continues to work toward strengthening our educational system, it is time to revisit this important initiative; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that members of the House have an immersive experience in education by volunteering as substitute teachers in the effort to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request all of its members to volunteer to substitute teach in a public elementary or secondary school of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members making the commitment to engage in this initiative are further urged and requested to report in writing to their constituents and colleagues as to the knowledge and experiences gained through their participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to each House member to inform them of the program and to encourage their participation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES