

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the legislature's appreciation to teachers and to designate May 4 through May 8, 2015, as Teacher Appreciation Week at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to express our appreciation to teachers, to honor all teachers, and to recognize the lasting contributions they make to the lives of students – indeed, it is difficult to imagine a class of individuals who are more deserving of our appreciation and honor; and

WHEREAS, teachers across the United States provide students with opportunities to succeed in school and life; teachers serve as advocates for children and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers carry to work every day the tremendous burden of responsibility for the future of society itself, and they usually do so with very little expectation of reward or recognition; and

WHEREAS, motivated by a desire to make the world a better place, teachers in the state of Louisiana spend countless hours outside of work preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling, coaching, and caring for students; and

WHEREAS, regardless of grade level or the subject of instruction, teachers labor to mold minds, to build persons, and to form citizens – whatever other molding, building, and forming we accomplish as individuals and as a society, it all begins with the work of teachers; and

WHEREAS, in the glorious tradition of Socrates, teachers are committed to a reality much bigger than themselves, and we are all dependent on the success of their enterprise; and

WHEREAS, in our era of emphasis on individual achievement, there is a tendency to take teachers for granted – to overlook their essential contribution to any and every success that the rest of us may claim to be "self-made"; and

WHEREAS, for a moment, then, we pause to reflect on those who have shaped our minds and lives and those who continue to accept this obligation to community, and we set aside this brief period to express our sincerest gratitude to teachers, past, present, and future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its deepest appreciation to teachers and does hereby designate May 4 through May 8, 2015, as Teacher Appreciation Week at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, the president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, the executive director of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, and the president of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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