

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR LONG

STUDENTS. Expresses support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and the
3 freedom to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools
4 and public postsecondary education institutions.

5 WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the precepts of freedom,
6 liberty, diversity, and the right of the people to acknowledge God according to the dictates
7 of individual conscience; and

8 WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States adopted
9 in 1791, specifically provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment
10 of a religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"; and

11 WHEREAS, the people's right to assemble and to recognize their religious beliefs
12 and traditions on public property, including schools, through Christmas programs and other
13 traditional celebrations should not be infringed; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana supports the concept of voluntary prayer
15 in public schools and the right to assemble for religious expression, and traditions including
16 Christmas recitals and programs in public elementary and secondary schools and public
17 postsecondary education institutions.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 express its support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express
2 their religious beliefs in all public elementary and secondary schools and public
3 postsecondary education institutions in the state of Louisiana.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 Department of Education and the governing authority of each public elementary and
6 secondary school and public postsecondary education management board.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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Expresses support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.