



1 show more positive attitudes toward other cultures; and

2 WHEREAS, foreign language immersion students are often exposed to languages  
3 that are represented in today's global economy, better preparing them for life beyond the  
4 classroom; and

5 WHEREAS, demand for foreign language instruction increases every year, and there  
6 is a shortage of qualified foreign language immersion teachers capable of fulfilling the need  
7 in Louisiana's public schools; and

8 WHEREAS, foreign language teachers are essential to the survival of the state's  
9 foreign language programs; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 2,200 students will be left without a foreign language teacher  
11 for the 2020-2021 school year, unless the teachers that CODOFIL and the state have  
12 recruited to teach in Louisiana for the coming school year are granted a visa.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 urge and request the President of the United States to provide an exemption from the  
15 immigration ban and grant visas to foreign language teachers who have been recruited to  
16 teach in Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the President  
18 of the United States and each member of Louisiana's congressional delegation.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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DIGEST

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