

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as School Choice Day at the state capitol and encourages all Louisianians to learn more about school choice programs

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as School Choice Day at the Louisiana State Capitol
3 and to encourage all Louisianians to learn more about school choice programs.

WHEREAS, parents should have a wide range of high quality education options, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, nonpublic schools, and virtual learning programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's variety of school choice options give students, including
8 those from low-income families and those with special needs, the opportunity to receive
9 tuition to attend a nonpublic school that meets their needs; and

10 WHEREAS, the publicly funded Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence
11 Program empowers low-income parents by providing them with the financial resources
12 needed to send their children to the school of their choice; during Fiscal Year 2016-2017,
13 six thousand six hundred ninety-five students participated in this program in one hundred
14 twenty-three schools across thirty-one school districts, and the average scholarship per
15 student was \$5,879; and

16 WHEREAS, since first launched in New Orleans in 2008 and expanded statewide in
17 2012, the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program has helped thousands
18 of Louisiana families choose a school that best fits their children; and

19 WHEREAS, there is also a program that provides rebates to those donating to school
20 tuition organizations, which use these donations to provide scholarships to students from

1 low-income families; this program empowers such families by providing financial resources
2 to choose the school that will best prepare their children for college and careers; during
3 Fiscal Year 2016-2017, one thousand six hundred ninety-two students participated in this
4 program, and the average scholarship for a program participant was \$4,137; and

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day in recognition of school
6 choice in the state of Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 recognize Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as School Choice Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and
9 does hereby encourage all Louisianians to learn more about school choice programs.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the Louisiana state director of the American Federation for Children.

DIGEST

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