

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and recognizes The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and to recognize
3 The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy
4 statewide.

5 WHEREAS, students who do not read proficiently by the end of third grade are four
6 times more likely to drop out of school, and those who lack basic reading proficiency are
7 nearly six times more likely to leave school without earning a diploma; and

8 WHEREAS, dyslexia, a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five
9 individuals, presents a significant barrier to reading success without proper support; and

10 WHEREAS, literacy is foundational to a student's academic success, long-term
11 opportunity, and personal empowerment; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2022, seventy-two percent of Louisiana's fourth grade students did
13 not read proficiently, placing the state forty-second in the nation for fourth grade reading
14 achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2024, Louisiana made historic progress by climbing twenty-six
16 places in national rankings to now rank sixteenth in the nation for fourth grade reading,
17 according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

18 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy & Learning, founded in 1992, has spent
19 thirty-three years implementing evidence-based instructional and coaching practices that
20 improve teaching and increase student learning outcomes from birth to twelfth grade; and

1 WHEREAS, The Center draws on over three hundred fifty combined years of
2 professional education experience, focusing on closing the achievement gap through
3 targeted, high-quality professional development for educators of at-risk students; and

4 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy & Learning employs a comprehensive literacy
5 wraparound approach, providing services to educators, families, and communities that
6 support learning both inside and outside the classroom; and

7 WHEREAS, The Center successfully advocated for the creation of the Early Literacy
8 Commission in 2019 and for the establishment of the Louisiana Literacy Advisory
9 Commission in 2024, both of which are instrumental in shaping the state's literacy policies;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, The Center
12 launched the Literacy Coaching Program in 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2023, The Center launched the Louisiana Pilot Program for family
14 engagement in literacy education; and

15 WHEREAS, improving literacy across Louisiana is vital to building a strong
16 workforce, creating high-quality jobs, and sustaining long-term economic growth.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the dedicated work of The Center for
19 Literacy & Learning; does hereby celebrate the notable progress in fourth grade literacy
20 scores in Louisiana; and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at
21 the state capitol.

DIGEST

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