

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and to recognize

The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES