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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Teach For America for its efforts to create educational excellence for all students in Louisiana and nationwide.

WHEREAS, Teach For America was started by Wendy Kopp to address the national teacher shortage and to improve academic outcomes for low-income children; the organization launched in 1990 with four hundred eighty-nine corps members in the five founding regions of New York, Los Angeles, eastern North Carolina, rural Georgia, and southern Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America is a leadership development organization for those who want to help students achieve the most critical educational milestones; today, the organization is a network of nearly seventy thousand leaders, with more than one thousand three hundred leaders in Louisiana; these individuals started in the classroom and remain in lifelong pursuit of the vision that all children will be afforded the opportunity to receive a quality education; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Teach For America is to find, develop, and support exceptional leaders to expand access and opportunity for all children; the organization works to create an environment where educators, policymakers, parents, and students work together to ensure that children have an adequate foundation; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America recruits outstanding leaders to serve as "corps members" who commit to two years teaching in low-income communities where they can experience the challenges and rewards of creating and expanding opportunities for children; after this, corps members become part of the organization's alumni network, and in Louisiana, there are alumni in more than thirty parishes; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America provides a high-impact tutoring program called the Ignite Fellowship; this program recruits and trains college students to provide in-school virtual tutoring for students who need additional support in literacy; there are over three hundred Ignite tutors in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America and its members are most deserving of the highest recognition for their dedicated efforts to create educational opportunity for all students, laying the foundation for a better future for American education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Teach For America for its efforts to improve educational outcomes across the country and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the organization and its members continue to prosper in their endeavors to improve American education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES