

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATOR MIZELL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends The Center for Literacy and Learning and designates May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend The Center for Literacy and Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy
3 statewide; to commend historic gains in fourth grade literacy rates in Louisiana; and
4 to designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

5 WHEREAS, students who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are
6 four times more likely to drop out of school and those who lack basic reading proficiency
7 are 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 sixteenth in the nation for fourth grade reading, according to
17 the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP); and

18 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning, founded in 1992, has spent thirty-

1 three years implementing evidence-based instructional and coaching practices that improve
2 teaching and increase student learning outcomes from birth to 12th grade; and

3 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy and Learning draws on more than three hundred
4 fifty years of professional education experience, focusing on closing the achievement gap
5 through targeted, high-quality professional development for educators of at-risk students;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, in 2019, The Center for Literacy and Learning successfully advocated
11 for the creation of the Early Literacy Commission and, in 2023, for the establishment of the
12 Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission, both of which are instrumental in shaping the
13 state's literacy policies; and

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

16 WHEREAS, in 2023, The Center for Literacy and Learning launched the Louisiana
17 pilot program for family engagement in literacy education; and

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

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend the dedicated work of The Center for Literacy and Learning, celebrate
22 the notable progress in fourth grade literacy scores in Louisiana, and designate Tuesday,
23 May 13, 2025, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The
25 Center for Literacy and Learning.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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