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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Teach For America for its efforts to improve educational outcomes for students in Louisiana and throughout the United States.

WHEREAS, Wendy Kopp founded Teach For America to address the national teacher shortage and to improve academic outcomes for low-income children; the organization launched in 1990 with three hundred eighty-four 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 celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary with a network of more than seventy thousand leaders and more than one thousand eight hundred fifty leaders in Louisiana; these individuals start 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, Teach For America's mission is to find, develop, and support exceptional leaders in order to expand access and opportunity for all children, and 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"; these individuals commit to teach for two years in low-income communities, where they can experience the challenges and rewards of creating and expanding opportunities for children; afterwards, they become part of the organization's alumni network, and in Louisiana, there are alumni in more than thirty parishes; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America also provides a high-impact tutoring program called the Ignite Fellowship, which recruits and trains college students to provide in-school virtual high dosage tutoring for students who need additional support in literacy; there are over four hundred thirty Ignite Fellowship high dosage 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, thereby 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 in Louisiana and throughout 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