

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY SENATOR BASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, May 5, 2026, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and recognizes The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide.

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 5, 2026, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize The Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide.

WHEREAS, studies have shown that students who do not read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school and those students 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, a study, in 2022, found that 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 ranking and now ranks sixteenth in the nation for fourth grade reading, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, The Center for Literacy & 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, over the past seven years the center has successfully advocated for the
11 creation of instrumental commissions that have shaped the state's literacy policies, including
12 the Early Literacy Commission and the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, the center
14 launched the Literacy Coaching Program in 2020; 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby designate Tuesday, May 5, 2026, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol,
19 does hereby commend the dedicated work of The Center for Literacy & Learning, and does
20 hereby celebrate the notable progress in fourth grade literacy scores in Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The
22 Center for Literacy & 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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