

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 228

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 5, 2026, as Literacy Day at the state capitol and recognizes the Center for Literacy & Learning for its leadership in advancing literacy statewide

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

8 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a learning disability that affects as many as one in five
9 individuals and 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 fourth grade students did not
13 read proficiently, and the state placed 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 now rank sixteenth in the nation for fourth grade reading,
17 according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

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

1 WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy & Learning draws on over three hundred fifty
2 combined years of professional education experience to focus on closing the achievement
3 gap through targeted, high-quality professional development for educators of at-risk
4 students; and

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

8 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Center for Literacy & Learning successfully advocated for
9 the creation of the Early Literacy Commission; in 2024, it successfully pushed for the
10 establishment of the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission; both commissions are
11 instrumental in shaping literacy policies in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the Center for Literacy & Learning, in partnership with the state
13 Department of Education, launched the Literacy Coaching Program in 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Center for Literacy & Learning launched the Louisiana
15 Pilot Program for family engagement in literacy education; and

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

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 5, 2026, as Literacy Day at
20 the state capitol; does hereby commend the work of the Center for Literacy & Learning; and
21 does hereby celebrate the notable progress in fourth grade literacy scores in Louisiana.

DIGEST

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