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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize October 2017 as Dyslexia Awareness Month and to urge and request schools

3 and state and local educational agencies to address the significant educational

4 implications of dyslexia.

5 WHEREAS, dyslexia is defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an

6 individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader; and

7 WHEREAS, dyslexia is most commonly due to a difficulty in phonological

8 processing, which is the appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language;

9 phonological processing affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often,

10 learn a second language; and

11 WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability and affects between

12 eighty to ninety percent of all individuals who have a learning disability; and

13 WHEREAS, dyslexia is highly prevalent and persistent; it affects one out of every

14 five persons; and

15 WHEREAS, the paradox of dyslexia is that individuals who have the disability may

16 have weaknesses in decoding that result in difficulties in accurate or fluent word recognition,

17 yet these individuals may exhibit strengths in the higher-level cognitive functions of

18 reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving; and

19 WHEREAS, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific

20 level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia; and

1 WHEREAS, early screening and diagnosis of dyslexia are critical to ensure that
2 individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to fluent
3 reading, promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment, and the provision of necessary
4 accommodations to ensure school and life success.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request schools and state and local educational agencies to recognize that dyslexia
7 has significant educational implications that must be addressed.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that October 2017 is designated as Dyslexia
9 Awareness Month in the state of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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