

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR APPEL

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1 A 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

