

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend teachers across the state of Louisiana and to designate Tuesday, May 8, 2018, as Teacher Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's public and nonpublic school teachers serve the needs of nearly nine hundred thousand Louisiana children from birth through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana teachers serve students in diverse settings, including prekindergarten programs, traditional and charter public schools, nonpublic schools, parochial schools, Montessori schools, virtual schools, home schools, and early learning centers; and

WHEREAS, these teachers' efforts have resulted in tremendous gains in educational attainment for Louisiana students, setting students on track to reach the 2025 education goals that are part of the state Department of Education's initiative, "Louisiana's 2025 Vision"; and

WHEREAS, teachers are not only expected to be experts in their content and pedagogical approaches, but also in the individual interests, strengths, and needs of their students and communities; and

WHEREAS, teachers often teach multiple siblings, relatives, and generations of students during their careers; and

WHEREAS, a teacher's responsibilities can extend far beyond those listed in a formal job description, and the teacher's time commitment can extend far beyond the daily bell to bell; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for teachers to make extra time for parents before the school day starts, squeeze in tutoring during the few free minutes of the school day, run clubs or coach sports after school, chaperone, supervise, or cheer on students during weekends, and instruct students who need extra help over the summer; and

WHEREAS, teachers often reach beyond their students to ensure that parents, grandparents, and extended families, who may have struggled in school themselves, receive the knowledge and resources they desire to help their children; and

WHEREAS, while society holds teachers to the highest professional standards, expecting them to serve as model citizens by always demonstrating patience, empathy, and fairness, many teachers surpass expectations, choosing to serve as mentors, counselors, and even parents when students lack the needed and deserved support; and

WHEREAS, countless Louisiana citizens attribute their professional success and personal happiness to a teacher who cared.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the dedicated work and contributions of all teachers across the state of Louisiana and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 8, 2018, as Teacher Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES