

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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TEACHERS. Requests the governor and the legislature to work together to provide funding for teacher pay raises.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the governor and the legislature to work together to provide funding to
3 increase teacher salaries to the level where Louisiana's average teacher salary is
4 equal to or exceeds the average teacher salary for the southern region.

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that "the goal of the public
6 educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of
7 human development, that are . . . designed to promote excellence in order that every
8 individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

9 WHEREAS, attracting and retaining quality teachers in all of Louisiana's classrooms
10 is one of the most important aspects in assuring that an excellent educational environment
11 is provided; and

12 WHEREAS, placing a highly qualified, highly engaged, appropriately certified
13 teacher in every classroom will become more difficult to do if teacher pay in Louisiana
14 continues to lag behind the pay of other professions in this state and teacher salaries in other
15 states in this region; and

16 WHEREAS, the latest data from the National Education Association (NEA) shows
17 that the average Louisiana teacher salary in 2017 was \$50,000, which was \$1,242 below the
18 average teacher salary of the member states of the Southern Region Education Board; and

