

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Commends the dedicated work of the Center for Development and Learning and recognizes May 6, 2021, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the dedicated work of the Center for Development and Learning and to recognize Thursday, May 6, 2021, as Literacy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, 74% of Louisiana's fourth grade students do not read proficiently and dyslexia is a specific learning disability that affects as many as one in five people; 20% of the population; and

WHEREAS, students who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school and those who have not mastered at least a basic level of reading proficiency are nearly six times as likely to leave school without earning a diploma; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana spends more than \$270,000,000 annually to remediate students who read below grade level, making reading both an education and economic issue; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Development and Learning was founded in 1992 to develop and disseminate leading-edge scientific research, knowledge, and best practices that improve teaching and increase student learning; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Development and Learning focuses on closing the achievement gap by increasing teacher effectiveness and advancing public education reform

