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2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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STUDENTS. Expresses support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and the freedom to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the precepts of freedom, liberty, diversity, and the right of the people to acknowledge their personal faith according to the dictates of individual conscience; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States adopted in 1791, specifically provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"; and

WHEREAS, the people's right to assemble and to recognize their religious beliefs and traditions on public property, including schools, through Christmas programs and any other traditional celebrations should not be infringed upon; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana supports the concept of voluntary prayer in public schools and the right to assemble for religious expression, and traditions including Christmas recitals, programs, and all other forms of religious observance in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

express its support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in all public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Education and the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school and public postsecondary education management board.

The original instrument was prepared by J. W. Wiley. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

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Expresses support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Specified that the right to religious expression includes all faiths and forms of religious observance.