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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for the inclusion of "read alouds" in early childhood education programs administered at the state level.

WHEREAS, one of the most important things educators and other adults can do in preparing children for success in school and in reading is to read aloud with them; and

WHEREAS, a read aloud is a planned oral reading of a book or print excerpt usually related to a theme or topic of study and can be used to engage the student while developing background knowledge, increasing comprehension skills, and fostering critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, other benefits of read alouds for students include building listening and comprehension skills through discussion during and after reading, increasing vocabulary foundation by hearing words in context, improving memory and language skills as students hear a variety of writing styles and paraphrase their understanding, gaining information about the world around them, developing individual interests in a broad variety of subjects, and developing imagination and creativity; and

WHEREAS, reading aloud good books can become a tradition and favorite activity in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 581, which was enacted by the legislature in the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature, requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create and implement an early childhood care and education network; and

WHEREAS, one purpose of the legislation was to establish a seamless early childhood educational system that is coordinated and integrated across all programs and related state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of the network.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for the inclusion of "read alouds" in early childhood education programs administered at the state level, especially as part of the early childhood care and education network created pursuant to Senate Bill No. 581 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE