

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 8-12, 2017, as Louisiana Charter Schools Week at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Charter Schools Week is being observed May 8-12, 2017;
and

WHEREAS, charter schools, by law, are independent, tuition-free public schools that are given greater educational and operational autonomy in exchange for the state's highest level of performance-based accountability; and

WHEREAS, the state has demonstrated commitment to meeting its responsibility for improving public schools by offering a competitive system of public education; and

WHEREAS, a first-class education prepares children to love lifelong learning and to develop skills which enable them to participate in this technologically advanced global economy; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana charter schools have brought new ideas, enthusiasm, and strength to our public school system; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the top ten strongest charter school laws in the nation and has witnessed a more than eight-fold increase in the number of operating charter schools in the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, the number of students attending charter schools has increased by thirty percent over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana teaches approximately 78,000 children in its one hundred forty-five public charter schools; and

WHEREAS, charter schools increase learning opportunities for all pupils and provide parents and students with expanded choices within the public school system; and

WHEREAS, the state joins the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of charter schools to public education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 8-12, 2017, as Louisiana Charter Schools Week at the state capitol.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES