

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 14, 2010, as Adult Education Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, over eight hundred thousand adults in Louisiana reported having less than a high school diploma in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy determined that approximately thirty million American adults have low literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, approximately five hundred thousand of those adults reside in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, children in Louisiana schools will continue to have learning deficiencies if their parents are unable to read and assist them with their studies; and

WHEREAS, the greatest predictor of a child's academic success is the literacy level of the mother; and

WHEREAS, the general education diploma is the first step toward better employment opportunities, job skill training, and attendance in an institution of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, only three percent of Louisiana's workforce comes from recent high school graduates, compelling the education community and state leaders to work toward upgrading the job skills of adults in an effort to improve workforce participation; and

WHEREAS, events planned by local support organizations such as the Louisiana Literacy Alliance focus attention on the fundamental role literacy plays in all aspects of the health and well-being of Louisiana residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 14, 2010, as Adult Education Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Checkmate Strategies.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE