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House Resolution 484

By: Representatives Golick of the 40th, Stephens of the 164th, Barr of the 103rd, Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Encouraging all schools, local educational agencies, and the state educational agency to
- 2 recognize that dyslexia has a profound educational impact that must be addressed and
- 3 recognizing March 1, 2017, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin; and
- 5 WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability that affects approximately 80
- 6 percent of all individuals with a learning disability and approximately one in five individuals;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, dyslexia is unexpected because the individual can have a very high intelligence
- 9 but read at a much lower level; and
- 10 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a difficulty with phoneme segmentation which is the ability to break
- down words into individual sounds which affects an individual's ability to speak, read, spell,
- and write, and this difficulty is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities; and
- WHEREAS, an individual with dyslexia may have weaknesses in decoding and reading
- 14 fluency; they are often surrounded by a sea of strengths in reasoning, problem solving,
- 15 concept formation, critical thinking, and vocabulary; and
- 16 WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical to early remediation with evidence based intervention
- 17 for individuals with dyslexia that leads to self-awareness, self-empowerment, self-esteem,
- and necessary accommodations to ensure the student is successful at school and in life.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 20 the members of this body encourage all schools, local educational agencies, and the state
- 21 educational agency to recognize that dyslexia has a profound educational impact that must
- be addressed and recognize March 1, 2017, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the

25 public and the press.