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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage each public school governing authority to fully use all resources available to provide students with quality remedial education programs and instruction that will improve student academic achievement and afford each student the opportunity to develop to his full potential, which is the goal of the state's public educational system.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that it is the goal of the public educational system "to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

WHEREAS, public school governing authorities are required to implement remedial education programs pursuant to state laws and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policies; and

WHEREAS, these laws and policies specifically require summer remedial education programs for students who fail to demonstrate the required proficiency on the state-required assessments; and

WHEREAS, these laws and policies further require that funding for remedial education programs be on a per pupil basis and that such programs be coordinated with any locally and federally funded remedial education programs; and

WHEREAS, funds provided annually from the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and the Education Excellence Fund may be used by public school governing authorities for the purpose of providing remedial education programs; and

WHEREAS, public school governing authorities have discretion in choosing the curricula and materials to be used in providing remedial education programs as well as when and how such programs are offered – whether before school, after school, on weekends, or during the regular school day and through means such as computer labs, elective classes, credit recovery programs, or other means; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the constitutional responsibilities and to ensure that Louisiana public school students receive a quality education and are given equal opportunities to develop to their full potential, it is imperative that public school governing authorities fully use all resources available to provide students with quality remedial education programs and instruction that will improve student academic achievement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby encourage each public school governing authority to fully use all resources available to provide students with quality remedial education programs and instruction that will improve student academic achievement and afford each student the opportunity to develop to his full potential, which is the goal of the state's public educational system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the state superintendent of education who shall be responsible for disseminating a copy to each public school governing authority in the state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE