

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each legislator, statewide elected official, and member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to volunteer to substitute teach in a public elementary or secondary school in Louisiana for at least two full school days of each year of his term of office through a program designated as the "Be Proud to Teach" program.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's public schools and teachers are of vital importance to all of its citizens, especially those serving as legislators, statewide elected officials, and members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE); and

WHEREAS, the decisions of legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE members significantly impact and determine the quality of the state's public schools and teachers in many ways; and

WHEREAS, it would be ideal if all legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE members had first-hand knowledge of and experience with the state's public schools in order to be more informed in making the important policy decisions that shape public education; and

WHEREAS, one way to ensure the attainment of such knowledge and experience would be for those in these public leadership positions to volunteer to substitute teach in the classrooms of the state's public schools; and

WHEREAS, such substitute teaching would also provide public school students, teachers, and administrators the opportunity to get to know and communicate with the state's public officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each legislator, statewide elected official, and member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to volunteer to substitute teach in a public

elementary or secondary school in Louisiana for at least two full school days of each year of his term of office through a program designated as the "Be Proud to Teach" program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature further requests that all participating legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE members communicate annually with their constituents and colleagues relative to the knowledge and experience gained through their participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the presiding officers of the legislature, each statewide elected official, and 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