

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR APPEL

A RESOLUTION

To express the support of the Louisiana Senate for, and to urge and request continued participation in, the America's Legislators Back to School Program sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures annually sponsors and promotes the America's Legislators Back to School Program as part of its civic education initiative and The Trust for Representative Democracy; and

WHEREAS, this program provides the largest civics lesson in the nation and an opportunity for legislators across the country, in a bipartisan effort, to visit schools in their districts and meet with young constituents to answer questions; to listen to their concerns on issues affecting their lives; to impart a greater understanding of the role of their government and the legislative process of debate, negotiation and compromise that are necessary for developing effective public policy; and to illustrate the values of representative democracy to these future voters and leaders; and

WHEREAS, each year, Louisiana Senators have been strong supporters of the Legislators Back to School Program; and, according to statistics compiled by NCSL, the Louisiana Senate had eighty-two percent of its senators who participated in the program during the 2010-2011 school year, which ranked the Louisiana Senate as the second highest Senate chamber in the nation; and

WHEREAS, by sharing their experiences, legislators bring civics to life by helping to dispel young people's cynicism, distrust, and misunderstanding about government and by encouraging them to play an active role in their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana expresses its support for, and urges continued participation in, the America's Legislators Back to School Program sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to William Pound, executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and to Karl Kurtz, director of NCSL's The Trust for Representative Democracy.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE