

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR APPEL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the 2015 Louisiana Teacher Leaders and Teacher Leader Advisors for their leadership and outstanding service and to designate Thursday, June 4, 2015, as "Louisiana Teacher Leader Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, in 2013, the state Department of Education invited local public school systems to nominate classroom teachers to participate in a voluntary network of educators with the goal of promoting high-quality professional development, improved instructional planning, and increased student achievement; and

WHEREAS, participants in the network became known as Teacher Leaders and have grown to more than five thousand educators representing every local school system around the state; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Leaders play a critical role in facilitating the exchange of information, instructional strategies, and best practices between the state Department of Education's academic content support staff and classroom educators; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Leaders have served as a valuable source of information and feedback to the state Department of Education, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to members of the Louisiana Legislature regarding a number of important education issues; and

WHEREAS, ninety educators from around the state have been selected to serve as Teacher Leader Advisors to support their fellow educators by providing in-person and virtual training, creating high quality instructional materials, and reviewing educational materials and resources for overall quality and alignment to state academic content standards; and

WHEREAS, many of these outstanding educators will lead more than two hundred sessions for thousands of educators attending the Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit June 4-5, 2015, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, this summit is helping educators set goals, plan for instruction, deliver high-quality lessons, assess results, and use evidence of student achievement to improve instruction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the 2015 Louisiana Teacher Leaders and Teacher Leader Advisors for their commitment to Louisiana's students, their outstanding leadership and service to educators across the state, and their contributions in developing a more educated citizenry to enhance the vitality and economic opportunity of Louisiana and its people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, June 4, 2015, as "Louisiana Teacher Leader Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education and the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE