

House Resolution 52

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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 for
3 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, affecting approximately 80
6 percent of all individuals with a learning disability and approximately one in five individuals;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a difficulty with phoneme segmentation, the ability to break down
9 words into individual sounds, which affects an individual's ability to speak, read, spell, and
10 write, and this difficulty is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, dyslexia is often unexpected because an individual who has the condition may
12 possess a very high level of intelligence but read at a much lower level than would be
13 expected; and
- 14 WHEREAS, individuals with dyslexia may have weaknesses in decoding and reading
15 fluency, but they are often surrounded by a sea of strengths in reasoning, problem solving,
16 concept formation, critical thinking, and vocabulary; and
- 17 WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical to early remediation with evidence based intervention
18 and can lead to self-awareness, self-empowerment, self-esteem, and necessary
19 accommodations that will ensure students are successful at school and in life.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body encourage all schools, local educational agencies, and the state

22 educational agency to recognize that dyslexia has a profound educational impact that must
23 be addressed.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 public and the press.