

Senate Resolution 743

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing that dyslexia has a profound impact on education and all aspects of life; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, dyslexia is an unexpected reading difficulty in an individual who otherwise has
4 the intelligence to read at a much higher level; and

5 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and the
6 most common learning disability, present in approximately 80 percent of all individuals with
7 a learning disability; and

8 WHEREAS, dyslexia is a difficulty with phoneme segmentation which is the ability to break
9 words down into individual sounds, and this difficulty is often unexpected in relation to other
10 cognitive abilities; and

11 WHEREAS, an individual with dyslexia may have weakness in decoding and reading
12 fluency and is often surrounded by a sea of strengths in reasoning, problem solving, concept
13 formation, critical thinking, and vocabulary; and

14 WHEREAS, dyslexia is unexpected because the individual can be highly intelligent but read
15 at a much lower level; and

16 WHEREAS, early diagnosis and early remediation with evidence based interventions are
17 critical for individuals with dyslexia in order to achieve self-awareness, self-empowerment,
18 self-esteem, and necessary accommodations to ensure student, school, and life success.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that dyslexia has a significant
20 educational impact that should be recognized and addressed by schools and local and state
21 agencies.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
24 press.