

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION

To urge and request judges of the State of Louisiana to dedicate the month of May 2003 to reaching out to schools to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the law, the role of a judge and the court system from members of the judiciary.

WHEREAS, May 1st is annually recognized as Law Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, members of the judiciary and legal community across the nation traditionally mark the occasion by initiating and participating in educational programs designed to help elementary, middle and high school students understand our system of law; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Law Day theme, the Louisiana District Judges' Association passed a resolution at the 2003 Spring Judges' Conference supporting district court judges engaging in law related education in the form of opening their courtrooms to students or going into the classroom to teach; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana District Judges' Association has produced a handbook for judges entitled *Judges in the Classroom*, to provide a guide to assist judges in leading classroom discussions with middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court Community Relations Department stands ready to provide judges with program support for outreach efforts to students and schools of all levels; and

WHEREAS, all judges have a unique ability to educate young people about our legal system and respect for the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Supreme Court hereby urges and requests judges of the State of Louisiana to dedicate the month of May 2003 to reaching out to schools to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the law, the role of a judge and the court system firsthand from members of the judiciary.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 2003.

FOR THE COURT:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice