

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition and designates May 21, 2024, as Early Education Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 21, 2024, as
3 Early Education Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization
5 formed in 2018 that is comprised of over one hundred sixty businesses, chambers, advocacy
6 organizations, and early care and education professionals seeking sufficient investment in
7 quality, affordable early care and education in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in
9 quality, affordable early care and education will prepare students for a smart start in life,
10 enable families to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for local
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, research shows that early experiences affect the development of the
13 brain architecture, providing the foundation for all future learning, health, and social
14 behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and
16 emotional development, physical development, and more; and

17 WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development takes place between birth and age
18 four; and

19 WHEREAS, because these early years are when the very foundation of the brain is
20 built, children who begin school behind generally remain behind; and

1 WHEREAS, children who receive quality, affordable early care and education
2 experience long-term improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; and

3 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, an average family can spend as much as in-state college
4 tuition on child care, which is often a considerable part of their household budget; and

5 WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early care and education harms
6 all families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty during this
7 critical age for early brain development; and

8 WHEREAS, lack of quality, affordable early care and education not only affects the
9 workforce of tomorrow but also has a substantial impact on the workforce of today, in terms
10 of both worker participation and productivity in Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, research has shown that there can be a thirteen percent return on public
12 investment in quality, affordable early care and education; and

13 WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have
14 resulted in more than a \$1.3 billion loss for Louisiana's economy; and

15 WHEREAS, the over one hundred sixty organizations from across Louisiana that
16 comprise the Ready Louisiana Coalition are working to provide access to quality, affordable
17 early care and education that will improve children's outcomes, strengthen their families, and
18 build the economy.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does
21 hereby designate Tuesday, May 21, 2024, as Early Education Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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