

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY SENATOR FESI

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition.

WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization formed in 2018 that is comprised of over two hundred businesses, chambers, advocacy organizations, and early childhood education professionals seeking sufficient investment in quality, affordable early childhood education in Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, because these early years lay the groundwork for brain development, children who begin school later can remain behind; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early childhood education harms families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty during this critical time of early brain development; and

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

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

WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have resulted in a more than a one billion three hundred million dollar loss for Louisiana's economy; and

WHEREAS, the over two hundred organizations from across Louisiana that comprise the Ready Louisiana Coalition are working to provide access to quality, affordable early childhood education to improve children's outcomes, strengthen their families, and build the economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Ready Louisiana Coalition.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE