

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in quality and 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's architecture and provide the foundation for 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 because the early years are when the foundation of the brain is built, children who begin school behind generally remain behind; and

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

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the average family can spend as much on child care as they do on in-state college tuition, and these expenses are often a considerable part of their household budget; and

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

WHEREAS, lack of quality and affordable early childhood education affects the future workforce and has a substantial impact on worker participation and productivity of the current workforce in the state; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the state can achieve a thirteen percent return on public investment in quality and affordable early childhood education; and

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

WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition works to provide access to quality and affordable early childhood education to improve children's outcomes, strengthen their families, and build the economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES