

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB, BROOME, BUFFINGTON AND PETERSON

SENATE. Recognizes May 9, 2014, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 9, 2014, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

3 WHEREAS, the second Sunday in May has long been recognized as the day to honor
4 mothers and their commitment to children; and

5 WHEREAS, the Friday before Mother's Day, May 9, 2014, is Child Care Provider
6 Appreciation Day, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age
7 program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and
8 are responsible for their education and care; and

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly eleven million children under age five are
10 cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Child Care Provider Appreciation Day began in 1996 by a group of
12 volunteers in New Jersey who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who
13 care for children of working parents; and

14 WHEREAS, momentum and support for this event has grown each year and
15 recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout North
16 America, Europe, and Asia; and

17 WHEREAS, of the twenty million children under age five in America, nearly eleven
18 million are in some form of childcare setting; and

1 WHEREAS, the Child Care Association of Louisiana, a statewide, nonprofit
2 organization represents the interests of licensed childcare providers and children they serve,
3 and wholeheartedly endorses and promotes the Child Care Provider Appreciation Day; and

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Child Care Association of Louisiana is to educate,
5 advocate, and collaborate to build a premier, proactive childcare industry for Louisiana
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services
8 for all children and families within the state, the Child Care Association of Louisiana and
9 other advocacy organizations hope to improve the quality and availability of such services;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences
12 provided to young children today, high quality early childcare services represent a worthy
13 commitment to our children's future; and

14 WHEREAS, "Every child should have access to a high quality early childhood
15 educational program and be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn" says Alan Young,
16 the President of the Child Care Association of Louisiana.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby recognize May 9, 2014, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the state
19 of Louisiana and urge all citizens to recognize licensed childcare providers for their
20 important work.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
22 Alan Young, President of the Child Care Association of Louisiana and Cindy Bishop,
23 Executive Director of the Child Care Association of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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