

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Friday, May 9, 2014, as Provider Appreciation Day and encourages all citizens to recognize the important work of those who are responsible for the education and care of children

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Friday, May 9, 2014, as Provider Appreciation Day and encourage all citizens
3 to recognize the important work of those who are responsible for the education and
4 care of children, including licensed child care providers.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day in recognition of child care
6 providers, teachers, and other educators of young children everywhere on May 9, 2014, the
7 Friday before Mother's Day; and

8 WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care
9 providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all
10 those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care; and

11 WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly eleven million children under the age of five
12 are cared for by two million eight hundred thousand child care providers in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day began in 1996 by a group of volunteers in
15 New Jersey who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for
16 children of working parents; and

17 WHEREAS, momentum and support for this nationally recognized event has grown
18 each year and presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout North
19 America, Europe, and Asia; and

1 WHEREAS, the Child Care Association of Louisiana, a statewide, nonprofit
2 organization that represents the interests of licensed child care providers and the children
3 they serve, wholeheartedly endorses and promotes 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 child care industry for Louisiana
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, the president of the Child Care Association of Louisiana, Alan Young,
8 promotes the idea that every child should have access to a high-quality early childhood
9 educational program and be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn; and

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

14 WHEREAS, our future depends upon the quality of the early childhood experiences
15 provided to young children today and high-quality child care services represent a worthy and
16 commendable commitment to our children's future.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, May 9, 2014, as Provider
19 Appreciation Day and does hereby encourage all citizens to recognize the important work
20 of all those who are responsible for the education and care of children, including licensed
21 child care providers.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Alan
23 Young, president, and Cindy Bishop, executive director, of the Child Care Association of
24 Louisiana.

DIGEST

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