

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Sunday, May 8, 2016, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the state of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Sunday, May 8, 2016, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the state of
3 Louisiana.

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

6 WHEREAS, May 6, 2016, the Friday before Mother's Day, has been nationally
7 designated as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, a day set aside to recognize child care
8 providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all
9 those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, momentum and support for this event has grown each year, and
16 individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia are
17 recognized for the dedication and care provided to children; and

18 WHEREAS, of the twenty million children under age five in America, nearly eleven
19 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 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 today to our children; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy
13 commitment to their futures; and

14 WHEREAS, in the words of Jonathan Pearce, president of the Child Care
15 Association of Louisiana: "Every child should have access to a high quality early childhood
16 educational program and be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn."

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Sunday, May 8, 2016, as Child Care
19 Provider Appreciation Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby urge all citizens to
20 recognize licensed childcare providers for their important work.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Jonathan Pearce, president of the Child Care Association of Louisiana and Cindy Bishop,
23 executive director of the Child Care Association of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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