

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 11, 2018, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the state

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Friday, May 11, 2018, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the state
3 of Louisiana.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Child Care Association of Louisiana is a statewide, nonprofit
7 organization that represents the interests of licensed childcare providers and the children
8 they serve; and

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

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

14 and
15 WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences

16 provided to our children; and
17 WHEREAS, providing high quality early childcare services represents a worthy

18 commitment to our children's futures; and

19 WHEREAS, in the words of Jonathan Pearce, the president of the Child Care

20 Association of Louisiana: "Every child should have access to a high quality early childhood

21 educational program and be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn"; and

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

3 WHEREAS, May 11, 2018, the Friday before Mother's Day, has been nationally
4 designated as Child Care Appreciation Day; Child Care Provider Appreciation Day began
5 in 1996, when a group of volunteers in New Jersey saw the need to recognize the tireless
6 efforts of providers who care for the children of working parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Child Care Appreciation Day is a day set aside to recognize child care
8 providers, teachers, child center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and
9 are responsible for their education and care; and

10 WHEREAS, momentum and support for this event has grown each year as both
11 individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia are
12 recognized for their dedication in providing care to children.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, May 11, 2018, as Child Care
15 Provider Appreciation Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby urge all citizens of our
16 great state to recognize licensed childcare providers for their important work.

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

DIGEST

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