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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY SENATOR MIZELL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Friday, May 11, 2018, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Louisiana.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Friday, May 11, 2018, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Louisiana.
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, May 11, 2018, the Friday before Mother's Day, has been nationally
6	designated as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, a day set aside to recognize child care
7	providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all
8	those who work with children and 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 when a group of
12	volunteers in New Jersey saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care
13	for the children of working parents; and
14	WHEREAS, momentum and support for this event has grown each year, and
15	individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia are
16	recognized for the dedication and care provided to children; and
17	WHEREAS, of the twenty million children under age five in America, nearly eleven
18	million are in some form of child care setting; and

1	WHEREAS, the Child Care Association of Louisiana, a statewide, nonprofit
2	organization, represents the interests of licensed child care 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 child care 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 child care 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18	does hereby recognize Friday, May 11, 2018, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in
19	Louisiana and does hereby urge all citizens to recognize licensed child care providers for
20	their important work.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to
22	Jonathan Pearce, 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.

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