

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing March 15 as National Preschool Teacher  
2 Appreciation Day.

3           WHEREAS, National Preschool Teacher Appreciation Day is a day to recognize  
4 the positive impact of preschool teachers on preschool students throughout the  
5 Commonwealth; and

6           WHEREAS, the first publicly funded Head Start preschool program was created by  
7 President Johnson in 1965. While enrollment was very low when the Head Start program  
8 was first established, by 2005 over 800,000 four year old children participated in a public  
9 preschool program; and

10           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Education found that preschool teachers  
11 served approximately 21,351 children in state-funded programs across the  
12 Commonwealth of Kentucky during the 2019-2020 school year; and

13           WHEREAS, the success of our children and communities are considerably  
14 influenced by preschool teachers who devote their hearts and minds to helping our youth  
15 excel; and

16           WHEREAS, preschool teachers teach students between the ages of three and five  
17 who are going through their most formative and critical learning phase; and

18           WHEREAS, the role of preschool teachers helps to prepare children for successful  
19 academic careers; and

20           WHEREAS, preschool teachers foster joy in learning and are fully committed to the  
21 success and continued support of Kentucky students; and

22           WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes and supports its preschool teachers  
23 across the Commonwealth for educating students during a critical time in their education;

24           NOW, THEREFORE,

25           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
26 *Kentucky:*

27           ➔Section 1. This honorable body does hereby recognize March 15 as National

1   Preschool Teacher Appreciation Day in honor of the impact made by each preschool  
2   teacher across the Commonwealth of Kentucky on our students, families, and  
3   communities.

4         ➔Section 2.   The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5   Resolution to Senator Cassie Chambers Armstrong.