

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition and designates May 10, 2022, as Early Education Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 10, 2022, as
3 Early Education Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide coalition that
5 was formed in 2018, consisting of more than one hundred businesses, chambers, advocacy
6 organizations, and early care and educational professionals; the coalition advocates for
7 investment in quality and affordable early care and education in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in
9 quality and affordable education gives students a good start to their lives, enables families
10 to be productive in the workforce, and serves as an economic engine for local communities;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, research shows that a child's early experiences affect the development
13 of his brain architecture which in turn provides the foundation for all future learning, health
14 habits, and behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development takes place between birth and age
16 four; and

17 WHEREAS, because the very foundation of the brain is built is built in these early
18 years, children who begin school behind generally remain behind; and

19 WHEREAS, children who receive quality and affordable early care and education
20 experience better outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors over the long term; and

1 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the average family spends \$8,500 a year on child care, an
2 amount which is a considerable part of the household budget of so many; and

3 WHEREAS, during this critical age for early brain development, the current lack of
4 quality and affordable early care and education harms all families and has a disproportionate
5 impact on children of color and those in poverty; and

6 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the lack of quality and affordable early care and education
7 affects not only the workforce of tomorrow, but also exerts a substantial impact on the
8 workforce of today, especially with respect to worker participation and productivity; and

9 WHEREAS, research has shown that investment in quality and affordable early care
10 and education can produce a thirteen percent return on investment; and

11 WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have
12 resulted in more than a \$1.3 billion dollar loss for Louisiana's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, the over one hundred organizations from across Louisiana that comprise
14 the Ready Louisiana Coalition are working to provide access to quality and affordable early
15 care and education that will improve children's outcomes, strengthen the state's families and
16 workforce, and build Louisiana's economy.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does
19 hereby designate Tuesday, May 10, 2022, as Early Education Day at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 Ready Louisiana Coalition.

DIGEST

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