
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 126 Session of
2003

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WASHINGTON, WATSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WATERS AND
J. WILLIAMS, MARCH 6, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 6, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2003 as "Child-care Provider
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 300,000 Pennsylvania children are cared for
4 in regulated, licensed care facilities throughout this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Sixty-one percent of children under the age of six
7 have working parents; and

8 WHEREAS, Seventy-eight percent of mothers with children ages
9 six to thirteen are in the labor force; and

10 WHEREAS, New brain research indicates that the early years of
11 a child's life are an intense time of learning and have a
12 tremendous impact on a child's future as a citizen, parent and
13 worker; and

1 WHEREAS, Children who receive quality child care do better in
2 school and are more likely to become productive members of
3 society, thus strengthening our community and our economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Child-care workers must have a solid understanding
5 of child development and health and safety precautions; and

6 WHEREAS, Most importantly, child-care workers must have a
7 strong desire to work with young children and meet their
8 intellectual, physical and emotional needs; and

9 WHEREAS, Child-care workers help to shape the way children
10 think, learn and behave for the rest of their lives, and the
11 quality of that care has a lasting impact on children's well-
12 being and ability to learn; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
14 month of March 2003 as "Child-care Provider Month" in
15 Pennsylvania.