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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 2013 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 730,000 children from birth  
4 to five years of age in Pennsylvania today; and

5 WHEREAS, A young child's brain forms 700 neural synapses a  
6 second, and the circuits for key functions such as vision,  
7 hearing, language and higher cognitive function develop most in  
8 the first five years of life; and

9 WHEREAS, The creation of these circuits is affected by a  
10 child's early learning environment; and

11 WHEREAS, Quality early learning and child development play a  
12 major role in a child's future success in school and in life;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Young children learn best when they have proper  
15 health and nutrition, a safe and stable family and home life and  
16 activities that stimulate creativity, curiosity and all the  
17 skills they will need to succeed in school and in life; and

1       WHEREAS, Forty years of research show that children receiving  
2 high quality early education are more likely to be prepared for  
3 and do better in school, graduate high school, attend college or  
4 job training and be better prepared for a competitive work  
5 force; and

6       WHEREAS, Talking, reading and playing with children from  
7 birth builds the language, math and social skills they need to  
8 be ready for kindergarten; and

9       WHEREAS, Choosing quality early learning programs like  
10 Keystone STARS, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention,  
11 Nurse-Family Partnership and Parent-Child Home Program which  
12 partner with families and provide children with good teachers  
13 and learning activities sparks creativity and a love for  
14 learning so they can grow and develop; and

15       WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves  
16 at least \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections  
17 and lost taxes; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 2013 as  
19 "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children Month," recognizing that  
20 every child in Pennsylvania deserves access to quality early  
21 learning opportunities and that it is the responsibility of  
22 every citizen of this Commonwealth to help our children reach  
23 their promise.