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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 286 Session of  
1997

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INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, JAMES, MYERS, JOSEPHS AND KIRKLAND,  
OCTOBER 22, 1997

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 22, 1997

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring October 20, 1997, as "Pennsylvania Child Care Day."

2 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of children in this

3 Commonwealth are enrolled in day-care facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Women, who are the primary caregivers of children

5 under school age, are pursuing careers outside of the home more

6 frequently than ever before; and

7 WHEREAS, The high cost of living often necessitates parents,

8 single or married, to work outside of the home; and

9 WHEREAS, Children who attend day-care facilities receive

10 educational instruction which reinforces primary skills that are

11 often taught at home; and

12 WHEREAS, Government-sponsored programs, such as Head Start,

13 have been proven to increase a child's learning capacity at the

14 elementary level; and

15 WHEREAS, Loving and supportive day-care providers give young

16 children the nurturing which they need throughout the day while

17 their parents are at work; and

1       WHEREAS, It is necessary and desirable to show appreciation  
2   for the plight of working parents who daily entrust the care of  
3   their children to diligent workers, who play games, patch  
4   bruises, wipe noses and teach the children valuable educational  
5   and social skills; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare October  
7   20, 1997, as "Pennsylvania Child Care Day."