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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, CALTAGIRONE, WILLIAMS,  
MILLARD, KINSEY, FREEMAN, VITALI, NEILSON, LONGIETTI,  
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BIZZARRO, SAYLOR AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 29, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 29, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 as "The Month of the Young  
2 Child" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 300,000 children from three  
4 to four years of age in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that by the age of five, a  
6 child's brain is 90% developed, making Pre-K education one of  
7 the most crucial periods of development in a person's life; and

8 WHEREAS, Access to high-quality early learning educational  
9 programs, such as Pre-K and Head Start, help prepare young  
10 children for a successful educational career; and

11 WHEREAS, Research has shown that children from low-income  
12 households who receive high-quality early education are more  
13 likely to be prepared for and do better in school, graduate from  
14 high school, have higher intelligence quotients and attend  
15 college than their peers who do not experience a high-quality  
16 early learning program; and

1       WHEREAS, High-quality early learning programs can help boost  
2 a child's employment opportunities and earning power later in  
3 life; and

4       WHEREAS, Every one dollar of investment in high-quality early  
5 learning programs provides four dollars of savings and benefits  
6 to this Commonwealth by reducing the need for remedial  
7 education, improving students' potential earning power and  
8 lowering crime and incarceration rates; and

9       WHEREAS, High-quality early learning programs in this  
10 Commonwealth such as Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Keystone STARS,  
11 Early Intervention Services and evidence-based home visiting are  
12 sound investments that are preparing our youngest children for  
13 success in school and in life; and

14       WHEREAS, While this Commonwealth has made great strides in  
15 increasing funding for early learning programs in recent years,  
16 only about one in six of Pennsylvania's children aged three to  
17 four are enrolled in a publicly funded, high-quality early  
18 educational program; and

19       WHEREAS, Children who do not have the chance to attend a  
20 high-quality early learning program miss out on a once-in-a-  
21 lifetime opportunity to develop skills that bear lifelong  
22 benefits; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
24 month of April 2019 as "The Month of the Young Child" in  
25 Pennsylvania and recognize that each child in this Commonwealth  
26 deserves access to high-quality early learning opportunities.