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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Child Care Aware of America and other
3 organizations are recognizing child care providers across the
4 country on May 10, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Child care providers provide a safe, nurturing
6 environment for the enrichment and development of millions of
7 children nationwide, and they are a vital force to the U.S.
8 economy; and

9 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic illuminated how
10 indispensable child care providers are for the well-being and
11 economic security of young children, families, and communities
12 in Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Child care programs, which are mostly small
14 businesses predominantly run and staffed by women, continue to
15 recover from the health and financial hardships stemming from
16 the pandemic while attempting to meet the needs of more
17 families; and

18 WHEREAS, Child care has been and continues to be a
19 lifeline for families, communities, and the economy; and

20 WHEREAS, The future depends on the quality of early

1 childhood experiences provided to young children today, and
2 support for high-quality child care represents a worthy
3 commitment to our children's future; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 10, 2024
6 as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of Illinois; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents of Illinois to
9 recognize child care providers, the importance of their work,
10 and the immeasurable value they bring to communities.