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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

COMMENDATIONS. To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday May 21, 2024, as Early Education Day at the state capitol.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 21, 2024, as
3	Early Education Day at the state capitol.
4	WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization
5	formed in 2018 of over one hundred sixty businesses, chambers, advocacy organizations,
6	and early care and education professionals seeking sufficient investment in quality,
7	affordable early care and education in Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in
9	quality, affordable early care and education will prepare students for a smart start in life,
10	enable families to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for local
11	communities; and
12	WHEREAS, research shows that early experiences affect the development of the
13	brain architecture, providing the foundation for all future learning, health, and social
14	behaviors; and
15	WHEREAS, early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and
16	emotional development, physical development, and more; and
17	WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development takes place between birth and age
18	four; and

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WHEREAS, because these early years are when the very foundation of the brain is
built, children who begin school behind generally remain behind; and
WHEREAS, children who receive quality, affordable early care and education
experience long-term improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; and
WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the average family can spend as much as in-state college
tuition per year on child care, which is a considerable part of their household budget; and
WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early care and education harms
all families and has disproportionately impacted children of color and those in poverty
during this critical age for early brain development; and
WHEREAS, lack of quality, affordable early care and education affects not only the
workforce of tomorrow, but also has a substantial impact on the workforce of today, in terms
of both worker participation and productivity in Louisiana; and
WHEREAS, research has shown that there can be thirteen percent return on public
investment in quality, affordable early care and education; and
WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have
resulted in more than a 1.3 billion dollar loss for Louisiana's economy; and
WHEREAS, over one hundred sixty organizations from across Louisiana that
comprise the Ready Louisiana Coalition are working to provide access to quality, affordable
early care and education that will improve children's outcomes, strengthen our families and
workforce, and build our economy.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does hereby designate Tuesday,
May 21, 2024, as Early Education Day at the state capitol.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
Ready Louisiana Coalition.

of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

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