SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY SENATOR MIZELL

## A RESOLUTION

To recognize Friday, May 9, 2025, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly 11 million children under age five are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Child Care Association of Louisiana is a statewide, nonprofit organization that represents the interests of licensed child care providers and the children they serve; and

WHEREAS, the child care profession supports children's growth, development, and educational advancement and creates a positive economic impact for families and communities; and

WHEREAS, child care providers are essential to the health of our communities by fostering welcoming spaces, supporting working families, and creating positive enriching environments where children can develop lifelong skills; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes that child care has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy and has provided much-needed support to business owners and providers to help sustain the viability of child care by investing in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, support for affordable, accessible high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to help families work, support children's healthy development and learning, and keep our economy growing; and

WHEREAS, Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is a day set aside to recognize providers, teachers, directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, May 9, 2025, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tara Emery, president of the Child Care Association of Louisiana, and Cindy Bishop, executive director of the Child Care Association of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE