

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG AND PHELPS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition and designates May 20, 2025, as Early Ed Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as
3 Early Ed Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization that
5 was formed in 2018 and is comprised of over one hundred-eighty businesses, chambers,
6 advocacy organizations, and early childhood education professionals seeking sufficient
7 investment in quality, affordable early care and education in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in
9 quality, affordable childhood education will better prepare students for life, enable families
10 to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for local communities;
11 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; early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and
15 emotional development, physical development, and more; and

16 WHEREAS, 90% of brain development occurs between birth and the age of four, and
17 children who begin school late typically stay behind those who begin at an early age because
18 the foundation of the brain is built during the earliest years of a child's life; and

19 WHEREAS, children who receive a quality, affordable early childhood education
20 experience long-term improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; in

1 Louisiana, an average family can spend as much as in-state college tuition on child care,
2 which is often a considerable part of their household budget; and

3 WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early childhood education harms
4 all families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty during this
5 critical period of early brain development; this issue not only affects the workforce of
6 tomorrow, but it also has a substantial impact on the participation and productivity of the
7 workforce in Louisiana today.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does
10 hereby designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as Early Ed Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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