

No. R-96. House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding efforts of those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont.

(H.C.R.61)

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, science tells us that early experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults—at home and in the community—build a strong foundation for future growth and development, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences establishes either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, child development is community development as well as economic development, as healthy, capable young children are the building blocks of a solid and productive society, and

Whereas, although 85 percent of a child's core brain structure is formed by the age of four years, less than nine percent of public investments in education and development is made by that time, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into solid community members and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 13, 2013, to discuss with their state legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality early child care, health, and education services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the outstanding work of all those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont who are visiting the State House on March 13, 2013, which is Early Childhood Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the sponsoring organizations of the Vermont Early Childhood Alliance including Building Bright Futures State Council, the Vermont Family Network, and Voices for Vermont's Children.