

No. R-93. House concurrent resolution honoring those who care for, educate, and advocate for the youngest Vermonters, and designating March 15, 2017 as Early Childhood Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.68)

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury and Mrowicki of Putney

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

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

Whereas, research at Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child has shown that early life experiences affect the quality of the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with parents and caregivers at home and in the community are important factors in the development process, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and a fragile foundation presents more challenges for a child's development and growth, and

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

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 15, 2017 to discuss with their State legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality, early child care, health, and education services; ensuring the safety and food security of our youngest citizens; and fostering the economic security of Vermont's families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors those who care for, educate, and advocate for the youngest Vermonters, and designates March 15, 2017 as 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 Vermont Early Childhood Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures, who are jointly sponsoring the 2017 Early Childhood Day at the Legislature.