

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, Browning, Butler
(38th), Frazier, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 686

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 11, 2012, AS "CHILD
2 CARE APPRECIATION DAY IN MISSISSIPPI."

3 WHEREAS, the National Association of Child Care Resource and
4 Referral Agencies and other organizations nationwide are
5 recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

6 WHEREAS, of the 20 million children under age 5 in America,
7 over 11 million are in some form of child care setting; and

8 WHEREAS, in Mississippi, Provider Appreciation Day is a
9 special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other
10 educators of young children in our state, including the Excel By 5
11 and Building Blocks programs; and

12 WHEREAS, started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New
13 Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each
14 year on the Friday before Mother's Day; and

15 WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of
16 high-quality child care services for all children and families
17 within our state/community, these groups hope to improve the
18 quality and availability of such services; and

19 WHEREAS, Mississippi's future depends on the quality of the
20 early childhood experiences provided to young children today;
21 high-quality early child care services represent a worthy
22 commitment to our children's future:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
24 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
25 we do hereby designate that May 11, 2012, is:

26 "CHILD CARE APPRECIATION DAY IN MISSISSIPPI"



27 and encourage all Mississippians to recognize child care providers
28 for their important work.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
30 the Governor and the National Association of Child Care Resources
31 and Referral Agencies and other child care organizations for
32 proper distribution, and made available to the Capitol Press
33 Corps.

