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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is taking place from
2 April 1 through 7, 2023, providing a fitting opportunity to raise
3 awareness about the importance of early childhood education; and

4 WHEREAS, The most rapid brain development occurs during the
5 earliest years of life, and young children benefit immeasurably
6 from learning experiences that enhance kindergarten readiness and
7 establish a strong foundation for future education; it is important
8 for youth to have access to a variety of high-quality learning
9 environments with skilled educators; and

10 WHEREAS, The child care sector is essential to the prosperity
11 of the Lone Star State; early childhood education programs play an
12 instrumental role in saving taxpayer dollars and ensuring that
13 young Texans have the tools they need to later succeed in school,
14 earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; in addition, these
15 programs help enable families to participate in the workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the National Association for the
17 Education of Young Children, the Week of the Young Child was
18 established in 1971 to call attention to the needs of young children
19 and their families and to recognize early childhood programs and
20 services for their contributions; and

21 WHEREAS, An affiliate of NAEYC, the Texas Association for the
22 Education of Young Children is a professional membership
23 organization that advocates for youth, families, and early
24 childhood educators across the state; with nearly 3,000 members and

1 20 local chapters, the association works to ensure that all
2 children from birth to age eight have access to developmentally
3 appropriate education programs and that early childhood
4 professionals are properly trained and fairly compensated; and

5 WHEREAS, Early childhood education programs have made a
6 positive and lasting impact in the lives of countless young people,
7 and it is a privilege to join in commending the Texas Association
8 for the Education of Young Children for its important work; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize April 1 through 7, 2023, as the Week of
12 the Young Child and urge all Texans to learn more about early
13 childhood education.