

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 242

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins concerned citizens from across Texas to commemorate Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Children who attend prekindergarten enter school better prepared socially, emotionally, and intellectually; prekindergarten programs have been shown to have a positive impact on high school graduation rates, promoting a culture of learning and a standard for educational achievement; and

WHEREAS, In addition, prekindergarten programs build a foundation for students in reading, math, science, and technology that will help pave the way for future success; and

WHEREAS, Access to high-quality prekindergarten allows parents to work without incurring the expense of child care, thereby enabling individuals to contribute their skills to the Texas workforce and to increase their financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Supporters of the expansion of prekindergarten programs recognize that children need a nurturing, structured environment early on to develop the study skills and work habits that are essential to a successful academic career and to greater opportunity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Prekindergarten Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate