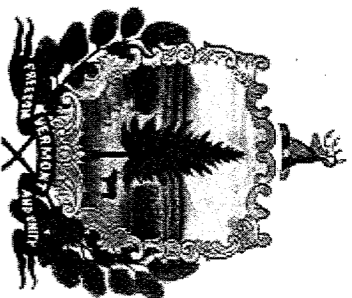


State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 73

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding work of child care providers in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of S. Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Bozow of Pownal, Chen of Mendon, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Hosford of Waitsfield, Jerman of Essex, Koch of Barre Town, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Ojibway of Hartford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Randall of Troy, Sharpe of Bristol, Sweaney of Windsor, Turner of Milton and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Racine, Bartlett, Campbell, Carris, Collins, Condos, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Maynard, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Scott, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White

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 children are the building blocks of a solid and productive society, and

Whereas, the 5,000 child care providers in the state are essential to Vermont's economic growth, and they contribute to the creation or support of 2,232 indirect jobs, 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 are made by that time, and