

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1036

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A Resolution commending Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes for their heroic actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 has caused widespread sickness, health problems and death in Oklahoma and caused an immense disruption in the financial and business sectors of Oklahoma and its families; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes have remained open during this time pursuant to the request of Governor Stitt and despite the closing of many other places of education and child care; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Child Care Centers and Homes bore the brunt of the financial burden caused by the costs of complying with both state regulations and federal standards mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with only a brief reprieve for reimbursement during July, August and September of last year with the infusion of some money from the federal CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes continue to abide by the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and have had to shut down classrooms or an entire center or home while using the industry-approved standards for daily and weekly disinfecting even at a huge cost to the centers and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes industry continued to care for children subsidized through the Department of Human Services based on attendance and for children through private pay based on enrollment, even though many have been forced to close permanently because of financial deficits; and

WHEREAS, the surviving Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes are resolved to continue to stay open and operational to help the Oklahoma economy rebound by allowing the workforce to return to their jobs, secure in the knowledge that their precious children are being cared for by an educated, dedicated and competent cadre of child care workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT these workers and the Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes are to be commended for their dedication, financial sacrifice and service to the State of Oklahoma during the past year and continuing into 2021.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of May,
2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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