

**No. R-350. House concurrent resolution honoring those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters and designating March 14, 2018 as Early Childhood Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.278)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Belaski of Windsor, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

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, scientific research has shown that early life experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all subsequent development, and a fragile foundation presents more challenges for a child's future, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 14, 2018 to discuss, with their State legislators, youth-related public policies and services and, especially, matters pertaining to accessibility and affordability, and

Whereas, the topics of interest include high-quality early child care, health and education, food security and safety, and the economic security of Vermont's families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors those who care for, educate, and advocate for young Vermonters and designates March 14, 2018 as Early Childhood Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures.