

House Resolution 1173

By: Representatives Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Rice of the 139th, Ballard of the 147th, Hilton of the 48th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2026, as Early Childhood Education Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, early childhood educators, child care providers, and program administrators
4 across Georgia play an essential role in supporting working families and nurturing the
5 healthy development, learning, and well-being of young children; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Child Care Association, in partnership with families and
7 community organizations statewide, seeks to highlight and honor the dedication,
8 professionalism, and impact of those who deliver early learning and care services throughout
9 the state; and

10 WHEREAS, research consistently demonstrates that high-quality early childhood education
11 strengthens school readiness, improves literacy outcomes, increases long-term educational
12 attainment, and contributes to a stronger workforce and economy; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's network of licensed early childhood education programs serves
14 hundreds of thousands of children and provides critical support for children's
15 social-emotional development, mental health, and overall family stability; and

16 WHEREAS, the experiences children have from birth through early childhood lay the
17 foundation for lifelong learning and success, and sustained public and community investment
18 in early care and education is vital to the future prosperity of the state of Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body designate February 18, 2026, as Early Childhood Education Day
21 at the state capitol and recognize the invaluable contributions of early childhood educators,
22 administrators, and staff for their commitment to excellence and service to Georgia's
23 families.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage continued
25 collaboration among policymakers, community leaders, and stakeholders to strengthen access
26 to high-quality early childhood education and to promote the long-term sustainability of these
27 essential programs.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution he public
30 and the press.