

## House Resolution 746

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and Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 24-28, 2023, as Quality Rated Week in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Quality Rated, Georgia's quality rating and improvement system for child care  
3 providers, is celebrating its 10th anniversary titled "A Decade of Stars"; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Quality Rated is a three-star rating system meant to assess, improve, and  
5 communicate the level of quality in early school, age, care, and education programs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Quality Rated gives families greater confidence in their child care choices  
7 because independent credentialed experts in early education have assessed whether programs  
8 follow best practices; and
- 9 WHEREAS, there is a growing commitment to improve the quality of child care in Georgia  
10 with nearly 3,000 child care providers in Georgia having achieved a star rating; and
- 11 WHEREAS, by participating in Quality Rated, each of these providers have gone above and  
12 beyond minimum state requirements and shown their commitment to working continuously  
13 to improve the quality of care they provide to children and families; and

14 WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood  
15 educators who ensure that children have the experiences they need for a strong foundation  
16 for success in kindergarten and beyond; and

17 WHEREAS, Quality Rated Week seeks to recognize the unwavering commitment to children  
18 and families of child care providers and early childhood educators, who love, nurture, and  
19 teach our youngest children with compassion; and

20 WHEREAS, Quality Rated has been led and administered by Bright from the Start: Georgia  
21 Department of Early Care and Learning since its inception; and

22 WHEREAS, many community partners and government leaders have helped to make Quality  
23 Rated a success, including GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students  
24 and Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GAFCP); and

25 WHEREAS, DECAL particularly recognized former Governor Nathan Deal for his  
26 leadership and inspiration in launching Quality Rated and, as such, awarded him the  
27 Community Star Award in 2022.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize April 24-28, 2023, as Quality Rated Week; thank the  
30 thousands of providers, teachers, aides, and staff who have shown their commitment to  
31 improving the quality of early childhood education in Georgia; and encourage Georgians to  
32 celebrate and recognize this milestone during Quality Rated Week.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 public and the press.