

House Resolution 708

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th, and Okoye of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Sunshine House on its 50th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Sunshine House has provided high-quality early childhood education and
4 care for 50 years, positively impacting the lives of more than 300,000 children since its
5 founding in 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, The Sunshine House was founded by Dennis and Roseann Drew, who, as new
7 parents in 1974, sought to create an early learning environment that met the highest standards
8 of care and education for their daughter, leading to the establishment of Small World
9 Preschool, which later became The Sunshine House; and

10 WHEREAS, what began as a single in-home preschool has grown into one of the largest
11 early education and childcare providers in the nation, now operating 119 schools across six
12 states with seven more planned for the future; and

13 WHEREAS, The Sunshine House nurtures and educates more than 12,000 children daily
14 through the dedication of over 1,800 educators who provide a safe, engaging, and enriching
15 environment for early learning; and

16 WHEREAS, the organization's commitment to growth and innovation has included
17 significant milestones such as its expansion into North Carolina in 1995 and Georgia in the
18 late 1990s, the launch of The Quest Zone Afterschool Program in 2000, and the
19 establishment of the first Foundations Early Learning Center in 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, for half a century, The Sunshine House has upheld its mission of providing
21 high-quality care and education to every child and family it serves, fostering a legacy of
22 learning, development, and opportunity; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor The Sunshine House for its 50 years
24 of dedication to early childhood education and its lasting contributions to children, families,
25 and communities in this state and beyond.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend The Sunshine House upon the grand
28 occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
31 Sunshine House.