## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.243

Rep. VanWoerkom offered the following resolution:

A resolution to declare May 10, 2024, as Provider Appreciation

Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Childcare has provided a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of millions of children nationwide and is a vital force in our economy; and

Whereas, Childcare providers tirelessly devote themselves to the care and education of our children, often going unrecognized for their vital role in our communities; and

Whereas, Childcare programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, continue to recover from the health and financial hardships stemming from the

pandemic to meet the needs of more families; and

Whereas, Childcare has been and continues to be a lifeline for 1 2 families, communities, and the economy, and their work enables 3 parents and guardians to pursue their own endeavors, knowing their children are in capable hands; and 4 Whereas, The future depends on the quality of the early 5 childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for 6 7 high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to our 8 children's future; now, therefore, be it 9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of 10 this legislative body declare May 10, 2024, as Provider 11 Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

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