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Senate Resolution No. ____
A resolution urging public support for quality
child care.

WHEREAS, March 16, 1999 has been designated as
Children's Day by the Florida Legislature, and
WHEREAS, choosing quality child care is an important
children's issue, and
WHEREAS, a positive loving relationship between a
provider and the child is essential for the delivery of
quality child care, and
WHEREAS, it is important that parents choose a provider
whose style and attitudes are similar to their own, and
WHEREAS, quality child care programs should include
age-appropriate materials to help children learn and grow;
activities encouraging children to think creatively; time for
children to work as a group and time to play alone; and the
posting of schedules by the provider, and
WHEREAS, physical environment is a critical component
of quality child care because it affects children's safety,
health, and development, and
WHEREAS, a provider must provide enough adults for the
number and age of children in a group to ensure quality, and
WHEREAS, quality child care facilities must be
cheerful, clean, and equipped with adequate materials, and
WHEREAS, all children need the same things, and
recognizing that each child sees things in a different way, it
is important to see quality child care through a child's eyes,
NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

1 That all residents of this state are encouraged to
2 support quality child care, and parents are especially
3 encouraged to visit programs more than once at different times
4 over several days before selecting a child care provider.
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