HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6006

A RESOLUTION designating February 5, 2025, as Early Childhood Advocacy Day and recognizing the parents, child care providers, home visitors, healthcare workers and all early childhood professionals who support young children in the most critical period of development in their lives.

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of a child's brain develops before the child enters kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Meaningful investments in the first five years of a child's life are essential to healthy brain development and sustainable success of Kansas children; and

WHEREAS, Research clearly shows that a child's experience from birth to age five determines the trajectory of such child's entire life—from social and environmental development and academic achievements and career success; and

WHEREAS, Parents are a child's first teachers, and they play a crucial role in ensuring healthy development throughout their developmental stages; and

WHEREAS, Exposure to positive factors, especially stable and responsive relationships with parents, child care providers, early childhood educators and other caring adults, promotes overall development; and

WHEREAS, Investing in a strong foundation helps children develop the skills they need to become independent adults who thrive and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The return on our investment in child care, early childhood home visitation, healthcare and education stands out as a particularly unique benefit to our state, which will ultimately save taxpayers dollars in other programs later in life; and

WHEREAS, Access to high-quality, safe, affordable child care and early childhood educational opportunities is critical for Kansas children to succeed and our state's economy to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, Children born today will be the citizens and leaders in the decades ahead; and

WHEREAS, Investing in our future leaders now will determine Kansas' trajectory for generations to come: Now: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we designate February 5, 2025, as Early Childhood Advocacy Day; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the parents, child care providers, home visitors, healthcare workers and all early childhood professionals who support young children in the most critical period of development in their lives; and

Be it further resolved: That our ongoing investment in early childhood services and high-quality, affordable and licensed child care is an investment in the current and future economic strength of our great state.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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Speaker of the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House.