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To designate the week beginning April 10, 1988, as "National Child Care Awareness Week".

Whereas the status and composition of the family in the United States is constantly changing;

Whereas women hold 53 percent of all jobs in the United States;

Whereas 80 percent of the women in the United States who are employed are of childbearing age;

Whereas, while child care is no longer considered the sole responsibility of women, the percentage of single-parent families headed by women has increased by more than 51 percent in 12 years;

Whereas it is estimated that 80 percent of the women with children of preschool age will hold jobs by 1990;

Whereas the increasing participation of women in the workforce will continue to increase the demand for child care during the working hours;

Whereas communities across the United States are planning special activities to honor child care providers and to illustrate the importance of quality child care as part of the Child Care America project of the Public Television Outreach Alliance;

Whereas the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Public Television Outreach Alliance are sponsoring a week of the child, and it is appropriate for the Congress to designate the same week as a period devoted to increasing public awareness of child care issues; and

Whereas all children deserve quality child care, and all parents have a profound obligation to provide a safe and wholesome environment for their children at all times: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning April 10, 1988, is designated as "National Child Care Awareness Week", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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