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S. RES. 126

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 1999

Mr. BOND submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Mildred Winter has, with determination, expertise, and unflagging energy, dedicated her professional life to early childhood and parent education;

Whereas Mildred Winter began her remarkable career as an educator and leader as a teacher in the Berkeley and Ferguson-Florissant School Districts in Missouri;

Whereas Mildred Winter served as Missouri's first Early Childhood Education Director from 1972 until 1984,

during which time the early childhood education services to Missouri families and children improved and increased dramatically;

Whereas Mildred Winter was a leader in initiating the Parents as Teachers program in Missouri in 1981 to address the critical problem of children entering school in need of special help;

Whereas the Parents as Teachers program gives all parents, regardless of social or economic circumstances, the support and guidance necessary to be their children's best teachers in the critical early years;

Whereas Mildred Winter worked to secure passage in the Missouri General Assembly of the Early Childhood Education Act of 1984, landmark legislation which led to the creation of Parents as Teachers programs in Missouri;

Whereas Mildred Winter is recognized as a visionary leader by her peers throughout the country for her unwavering commitment to early childhood education;

Whereas Mildred Winter and the Parents as Teachers program have received numerous prestigious awards at the State and national level;

Whereas today there are over 2,200 Parents as Teachers programs in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and 6 other countries;

Whereas while continually striving to move the Parents as Teachers program forward, in 1995 Mildred Winter recognized the importance of sharing with parents what is known about early brain development and the role parents play in promoting that development in their children, and used this foresight to develop the vanguard Born to Learn Curriculum; and

Whereas after nearly 2 decades of leadership of the Parents as Teachers program, Mildred Winter has chosen to step down as Executive Director of the organization: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF MILDRED WINTER.**

3 That it is the sense of the Senate that—

4 (1) admiration and respect be shown for the vi-
5 sionary and innovative work of Mildred Winter in
6 the field of childhood education; and

7 (2) appreciation be shown for the work that
8 Mildred Winter has done through the Parents as
9 Teachers program which has enriched the lives of
10 hundreds of thousands of children and provided such
11 children with a far better chance of success and hap-
12 piness in school and in life.

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