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S. RES. 122

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate
May 1, 2003, as “National Child Care Worthy Wage Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2003

Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas approximately 14,000,000 children are in out-of-home care during part or all of the day so that their parents may work;

Whereas the average salary of early childhood educators is \$16,000 per year, and only one third of these educators have health insurance and even fewer have a pension plan;

Whereas low wages make it difficult to attract qualified individuals to the early childhood education profession and impair the quality of child care and other early childhood

1 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the Presi-
2 dent to issue a proclamation—

3 (1) designating May 1, 2003, as “National
4 Child Care Worthy Wage Day”; and

5 (2) calling on the people of the United States
6 to observe “National Child Care Worthy Wage Day”
7 by—

8 (A) honoring early childhood educators and
9 programs in their communities; and

10 (B) working together to resolve the early
11 childhood educator compensation crisis.

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