## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.288

Reps. Filler, O'Malley and Breen offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare May 4, 2022, as Provider Appreciation 2 Day in the state of Michigan.
- 3 Whereas, National Provider Appreciation Day, was started in
- 4 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey. This group saw the
- 5 need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for
- 6 children of working parents; and
- 7 Whereas, Over half the children under the age of six
- 8 nationwide are estimated to spend some time in a nonparental care
- 9 arrangement on a weekly basis, which provides critical enrichment
- ${f 10}$  opportunities and nurtures development for children of all
- 11 backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; and

Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardship 1 2 for childcare providers and the families of Michigan who depend on 3 them, who have continued to meet the needs of families while risking their health and financial stability to remain open; and 4 Whereas, Our future depends on the quality of the early 5 childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for 6 7 high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to our 8 children's future; now, therefore, be it 9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of 10 this legislative body declare May 4, 2022, as Provider Appreciation

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Day in the state of Michigan.