



Senate Resolution 179 – 2008
Honoring the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development's
10-Year Anniversary

A RESOLUTION honoring the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development on its 10th anniversary of serving the Commonwealth in its endeavor to improve the literacy skills of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development: Early Childhood through Adulthood was created by the 1998 General Assembly to promote literacy and address the diverse needs of all learners through research and professional development; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, located in the College of Education at the University of Kentucky, was created as a unique effort among Kentucky's eight public universities and the National Center for Family Literacy to address the diverse needs of all literacy learners and to conduct professional development and coaching for educators, early childhood through adulthood; identify Kentucky Reading Project Demonstration sites; assist local school districts located in areas with low reading skills; develop a clearinghouse for research; collaborate with public and private postsecondary institutions; and create a comprehensive research agenda; and

WHEREAS, in the ten years since its inception, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development has been an influential advocate for promoting literacy to all learners from early childhood through adulthood; and

WHEREAS, through the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development's professional development and research initiatives, it has enhanced the quality of many of Kentucky's teachers and the instruction they provide through a variety of efforts including Read to Achieve that was in 311 schools during the 2006-2007 school year; and

WHEREAS, Reading Recovery, an intense, short-term early intervention for struggling young literacy learners in the first grade, has been supported and expanded through the center and has provided intervention services to over 3500 children in the 2006-2007 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development's focus on high-quality instruction has led to the increased achievement of all Kentucky learners and great strides in the Commonwealth's literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, established in April 2008, has provided exemplary service in pursuit of its mission of promoting literacy; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body recognizes that an educated and literate citizenry contributes to the overall improvement of the entire Commonwealth and benefits all Kentuckians;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby recognize and thank the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development for ten years of exemplary service to the citizens of Kentucky, and congratulate the center for a decade of excellent work.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Susan Cantrell, Executive Director of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, University of Kentucky, 120 Quinton Court, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40509.