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Whereas, parents or guardians are a child's first teacher;

Whereas, the National Academy of Sciences and other literacy experts have found that one of the best ways to prevent reading difficulties in young children is to provide them with language and literacy-rich environments in their homes;

Whereas, experts also agree that children learn to read and have overall higher academic achievement when they live in homes where good reading habits are practiced and they are read to and encouraged to read;

Whereas, this does not often happen in families where parents or care givers have limited resources and low literacy skills;

Whereas, according to the National Institute for Literacy, more than 40 million Americans age 16 and older read at the most remedial levels;

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Whereas, research has shown that a child's literacy level is often linked to the educational level of his or her parent or care giver; and

Whereas, studies by family literacy organizations have shown that when the reading and overall education levels of adults improves, their children's academic performance also improves. Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the State of Indiana develop legislation and
- 2 public policies that foster the growth of family literacy programs,
- 3 particularly in high need regions of Indiana.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the State of Indiana develop legislation and
- 5 public policies that provide effective measures for the training of
- 6 parents and care givers in the various ways to foster literacy in their
- 7 children.
- 8 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly calls on all
- 9 citizens of Indiana to be aware of the importance of reading to and with
- 10 children.
- 11 SECTION 4. That the State of Indiana develop policies in all
- 12 sectors of public life to improve existing family literacy programs and
- 13 create such programs in those high need areas where they do not exist.

