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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, All young people deserve to be healthy, have
3 access to care, and thrive; and

4 WHEREAS, For over 35 years, school-based health centers
5 have provided primary care in or near schools across Illinois;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, There are currently 65 school-based health
8 centers in the State of Illinois reaching over 50,000 children
9 and adolescents; and

10 WHEREAS, School-based health centers are a critical safety
11 net program, with over 85% of users enrolled in Medicaid or
12 uninsured; and

13 WHEREAS, School-based health centers provide comprehensive
14 services, including: physical exams, acute and well care
15 visits, immunizations, behavioral health counseling, chronic
16 disease management, vision and oral health care, and nutrition
17 education; and

18 WHEREAS, Behavioral health providers are able to address
19 student trauma and chronic stress, substance abuse prevention,
20 and provide counseling where students spend the majority of

1 their time: in school; and

2 WHEREAS, School-based health centers not only improve
3 health outcomes, but also increase academic performance and
4 reduce high school dropout rates; and

5 WHEREAS, School-based health centers contain health care
6 costs by eliminating access barriers, reducing emergency
7 department visits, and managing chronic health conditions;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 recognize the 65 school-based health centers as vital providers
12 of comprehensive health care for the children and adolescents
13 of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we recognize February 2018 as "School-Based
15 Health Center Awareness Month" and encourage all Illinoisans to
16 join in this observance.