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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A spelling bee is a competition in which
3 contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words,
4 usually with a varying degree of difficulty; and

5 WHEREAS, Spelling bees help to promote literacy by
6 providing children with a positive goal to achieve and a forum
7 to display the fruits of their hard work; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to improving spelling, spelling bees
9 also aid children in learning concepts, improving
10 comprehension, and developing study skills; and

11 WHEREAS, The benefits of spelling bees extend beyond
12 language; and

13 WHEREAS, Students are required to spell words while in
14 front of an audience; children also develop self confidence,
15 communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to
16 thrive under pressure; and

17 WHEREAS, Participating in a spelling bee teaches children
18 lessons that can last a lifetime and can benefit even those who
19 do not outlast all competitors; and

1 WHEREAS, Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate
2 Service Centers may organize spelling bees and provide
3 opportunities for school districts interested in participating
4 in regional spelling bees; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 encourage all school districts to participate in the national
8 spelling bee; and.