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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The best way to ensure the success of high school graduates is to adequately prepare them for either entering a college or university or to immediately enter the workforce; and

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WHEREAS, When analyzed it was found that over half a million, or one in four, of incoming college freshman were not ready for college-level work; and

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WHEREAS, Due to this, many students must take remedial classes to better their reading, writing, and/or mathematical skills, costing American tax payers over \$7 billion a year; and

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WHEREAS, This college readiness gap disproportionately affects low-income and minority students when compared to their more affluent and white counterparts; and

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WHEREAS, Many students who immediately enter the workforce after high school find they lack the basic reading, writing, mathematics, and other skills needed in order to have a successful career; and

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WHEREAS, The ACT College and Career Readiness Standards were specifically designed to ensure high school students have

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1 the essential skills and knowledge needed to become effective  
2 students or workers; and

3 WHEREAS, Areas that have adopted the ACT College and Career  
4 Readiness Standards have seen improvements in both college and  
5 career readiness; and

6 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State to use  
7 whatever avenues are available to prepare its students as much  
8 as possible for entrance into postsecondary education or the  
9 workforce; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 strongly urge Illinois to adopt the ACT College and Career  
13 Readiness Standards for high school English language arts,  
14 math, and science courses to ensure Illinois high school  
15 students are adequately prepared for higher education, to enter  
16 the workforce, or to follow whatever path they may choose; and  
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 delivered to all members of the Illinois General Assembly and  
20 the Governor of the State of Illinois.