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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids program was enacted in 2017 by
3 the Illinois General Assembly to create a scholarship option
4 for economically-challenged young people and their families;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Scholarship benefits provided to young people and
7 their families through the Invest in Kids program requires the
8 participation of the private sector; benefactors are
9 encouraged, through a State income tax credit, to make
10 donations to scholarship granting organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids law requires that this
12 scholarship money go to the neediest students first; as a
13 result, these organizations fund scholarship programs that are
14 targeted to economically-challenged, promising, gifted
15 students; and

16 WHEREAS, For Yvonne Camarillo's family, they now can have
17 their child Adriana attend kindergarten at St. Agnes of Bohemia
18 School in the Little Village community of Chicago, providing
19 her a high quality school that fits her needs in a safe and
20 culturally appropriate environment; and

21 WHEREAS, For Lakisha Partridge's family, the scholarship

1 allows their 3rd grade child, Jeremiah, to flee constant
2 bullying in his school and now attend St. Leonard School in
3 Berwyn, where he is treated with respect and is placed at his
4 appropriate high academic level; and

5 WHEREAS, Melody Healy now has her daughter, Ariana,
6 attending Alpine Academy in Rockford as a first-grade student,
7 where she receives a quality education at an opportune time
8 given her family's personal and financial challenges; the tax
9 credit scholarship is a blessing; and

10 WHEREAS, Shadier Gheith's children, Maryam, Sarra, and
11 Shaymah, attend the Aqsa School in Bridgeview, providing them
12 with the community values and beliefs that are consistent with
13 their family's faith; and

14 WHEREAS, For Elliot Cohen and his children, Meira, Shalom,
15 Chaya, and Binyomin, who attend various schools in the Agudath
16 Israel Network, the children's scholarships represent an
17 opportunity for education as part of a community; and

18 WHEREAS, Catchet Rodriguez's family is now able to have
19 their two children, Alivia and Isaac (5th and 2nd grade
20 respectively), attend St. Mark School in Peoria without the
21 financial burden to the entire family, while knowing that their
22 children are receiving the best education available; and

1 WHEREAS, Strong families and strong educational
2 achievement are essential elements for Illinois and its people
3 as our State deals with its challenges of jobs, life, and
4 productivity, and the Invest in Kids program is targeted to
5 these challenges; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 the Invest in Kids program provides hope to young people and
9 their families throughout Illinois and should be fully funded
10 with no cutbacks in the FY20 Illinois budget; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That this resolution be delivered to Senate
12 President John Cullerton and Speaker of the House Michael J.
13 Madigan.