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1 SENATE 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 66 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 visits,  
15 immunizations, behavioral health counseling, chronic disease  
16 management, vision and oral healthcare, and nutrition  
17 education; and

18 WHEREAS, Behavioral health providers are able to address  
19 students' trauma and chronic stress, champion substance use  
20 prevention, and provide counseling in school, where students

1 spend the majority of their time; and

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

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

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the 66  
11 school-based health centers as vital providers of  
12 comprehensive healthcare for Illinois' children and  
13 adolescents; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we declare February 2019 as "School-Based  
15 Healthcare Awareness Month" and encourage all Illinoisans to  
16 join in this observance.