

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The family, serving as the primary source of
3 love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very
4 foundation of our communities and State; and

5 WHEREAS, In the State of Illinois there are 23,000
6 children and youth in foster care being provided with safe,
7 secure, and stable homes along with the compassion and
8 nurture of a foster family; and

9 WHEREAS, Foster families who open their homes and hearts
10 to children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in
11 helping children and facilities heal and reconnect and launch
12 children into successful adulthood; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt
14 foster children, resulting in greater need for more foster
15 families; and

16 WHEREAS, There are numerous individuals and public and
17 private organizations that work to increase public awareness
18 of children in and leaving foster care as well as the
19 enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the
20 foster care system is only as good as those who choose to be
21 a part of it; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we name May of 2003 Foster Care Month in the State of
25 Illinois, and that we urge all citizens to volunteer their
26 talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care,
27 foster parents, and child welfare professional staff during
28 Foster Care Month and throughout the year.