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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Arielle Cohen, Maelie  
4 Goren, Maritza Cervantes, the 16h Street Theater, and District  
5 100 School Piper Elementary in Berwyn on the production and  
6 debut performance of "I am Brave and Unafraid"; and

7           WHEREAS, Piper Elementary School started its first drama  
8 program; the program, led by Maeli Goren and Maritza Cervantes,  
9 artists from Berwyn's 16th Street Theater, is sponsored, in  
10 part, by the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA); and

11           WHEREAS, Students in grades first through third developed  
12 an original play with music inspired by the children's book of  
13 the same name written by Arielle Cohen; students were exposed  
14 to the world of creative expression and teamwork and met for 18  
15 sessions, which included writing, producing, and ultimately  
16 performing an original play with music; and

17           WHEREAS, "I am Brave and Unafraid" presents the universal  
18 values of confidence, curiosity, bravery, and hope, which are  
19 important to modern society; performances will take place at  
20 the 16th Street Theater on May 8, 2018 and at Piper Elementary  
21 School on May 9, 2018; and

1           WHEREAS, Local author Arielle Cohen crafted her visionary  
2 literary work for the cultural and creative enlightenment of  
3 our nation's children; she has a passion to educate and inspire  
4 others to learn and adopt an "I can" attitude; she encourages  
5 readers to take hold of their fears and use their power of  
6 thought to be brave and unafraid, thereby increasing their self  
7 confidence; she holds a bachelor of arts from the University of  
8 Wisconsin and a double master's degree from Gratz College; she  
9 lives with her family in Berwyn; 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 congratulate Arielle Cohen, Maeli Goren, Maritza Cervantes,  
13 and District 100 School Piper Elementary on their debut  
14 performance of "I am Brave and Unafraid," and we commend their  
15 hard work and creativity; we wish them continued success in all  
16 their future efforts; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Arielle Cohen, Maeli Goren, Maritza Cervantes, the  
19 16th Street Theater, and District 100 School Piper Elementary  
20 as an expression of our esteem and respect.