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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the schoolchildren of
4 Sangamon County on raising over \$18,000 worth of pennies and
5 spare change over a period of two weeks in order to purchase
6 the Minute Book of Sangamon County; and

7 WHEREAS, The penny drive was modeled after a similar
8 campaign from the early 1940s, when Illinois State Historical
9 Library Trustee Oliver Barrett asked schoolchildren from
10 around the state to raise money to buy the "Everett Copy," a
11 copy of the Gettysburg Address written by Abraham Lincoln
12 himself; the campaign was extremely successful and raised
13 \$50,000; the Everett Copy now resides at the Abraham Lincoln
14 Presidential Library and Museum; and

15 WHEREAS, As part of the Illinois Bicentennial, Sangamon
16 County schoolchildren were encouraged to donate pennies and
17 spare change as part of the "Illinois Proud Penny Drive"
18 campaign, which ran for two weeks from April 16, 2018 until
19 April 27, 2018, with a goal of \$15,000; that goal was
20 surpassed, and \$18,031 was raised; and

21 WHEREAS, Proceeds from the Illinois Proud Penny drive will
22 be used to buy the Minute Book of the Sangamon County Circuit

1 Court from July 6, 1835 to July 7, 1838, which contains a
2 certification that formally admitted Abraham Lincoln to the
3 Illinois Bar and attested to his "good moral character"; in
4 addition, the book contains records of some of the earliest
5 cases with which Abraham Lincoln and his law partner, John Todd
6 Stuart, were involved; and

7 WHEREAS, The penny drive was a true community effort,
8 involving not only children from more than 60 Sangamon County
9 schools, but also contributors such as the Sangamon County Bar
10 Association and Staab Funeral Homes, as well as partners
11 including the Bank of Springfield, Pease's at Bunn Gourmet,
12 Midwest Family Broadcasting, Looking for Lincoln, Springfield
13 Pepsi Bottling Company, Giganti & Giganti, Staff Carpet,
14 Midwest Office Supply, and the Illinois Bicentennial
15 Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Because of the efforts of these community partners
17 and the schoolchildren of Sangamon County, the Minute Book of
18 Sangamon County will be brought back to Mr. Lincoln's hometown
19 and displayed in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum for
20 visitors to admire; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
23 congratulate the children of Sangamon County on their efforts

1 to bring this historic Lincoln artifact back to his hometown,
2 and we admire their hard work and dedication, as well as that
3 of the community, to make a meaningful impact out of spare
4 change; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to Jilinda Larson, Superintendent of Tri-City CUSD
7 #1, Lance Thurman, Superintendent of Rochester CUSD #3A,
8 Douglas Wood, Superintendent of Ball Chatham CUSD #5, Matt
9 Runge, Superintendent of Pleasant Plains CUSD #8, Darren Root,
10 Superintendent of Auburn CUSD #10, Gary Alexander,
11 Superintendent of Pawnee CUSD #11, Brad Polanin,
12 Superintendent of Riverton CUSD #14, Adam Ehrman,
13 Superintendent of New Berlin CUSD #16, Jennifer Gill,
14 Superintendent of Springfield SD 186, Dawn Klinner, Principal
15 of Blessed Sacrament, Glenn Rollins, Principal of Lutheran High
16 School, William Moredock, Principal of Little Flower School,
17 Kara Rapacz, Principal of Sacred Heart-Griffin, Rich Harkins,
18 Principal of St. Aloysius School, Jan Williams, Principal of
19 St. Patrick Grade School, Zachary Klug, Principal of Trinity
20 Lutheran School, Pam Fahey, Principal of Christ the King
21 School, and Jay Hinckley, Principal of Calvary Academy.