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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently proposed a plan to provide \$5 billion a year in federal tax credits for donations made to groups offering scholarships for private schools, apprenticeships, and other educational programs; and

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WHEREAS, The Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act would provide a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for individuals and businesses that donate in an effort to provide scholarships so that children and their families can make education decisions that are best for each child; and

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WHEREAS, Secretary DeVos called the plan to give students more educational choices without diverting money away from public schools a "bold proposal"; and

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WHEREAS, In 2017, the Illinois General Assembly reached bipartisan agreement to implement the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Access Act, which dramatically changed the way Illinois funds education; and

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WHEREAS, Included in the bipartisan compromise was the Invest in Kids Act, which established a tax credit for individuals and businesses that make a contribution to a

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1 scholarship-granting organization, so that low-income students  
2 across the State are allowed to attend a school of their  
3 choice; and

4 WHEREAS, While the Invest in Kids Act is a five-year pilot  
5 program, Governor Pritzker's Administration has indicated they  
6 plan to end the Invest in Kids program as soon as possible;  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we urge the United States Congress to approve the Education  
11 Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act, so that children and  
12 their families are able to make decisions about education that  
13 are most beneficial; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge Governor Pritzker to allow the  
15 Invest in Kids Act to be in full effect for the five years of  
16 the pilot program as intended by this General Assembly upon  
17 passage of the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to each member of the Illinois Congressional  
21 Delegation and to Governor JB Pritzker.