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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin are nine-year-old,
3 third-grade students from Churchill School in Homewood; and

4 WHEREAS, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin have been dedicated
5 Brownies in Girl Scout Troop #65113; and

6 WHEREAS, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin have been socially
7 conscious from the time they could talk; they have taken up the
8 cause of struggling people whenever they can; and

9 WHEREAS, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin lent their voices to
10 issues affecting marginalized citizens who have had encounters
11 with law enforcement at some point in their past; and

12 WHEREAS, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin boldly stood before the
13 Cook County Commissioners and testified about the effects that
14 their family feels from mistakes their father made long before
15 they were born; and

16 WHEREAS, Sophia O'Quin delivered a speech to the Cook
17 County Commissioners encouraging them to "look past the
18 surface, dig deeper, and see what lies beneath," stressing the
19 importance of looking beyond the outer factors of a person; and

1 WHEREAS, In remarks prepared for the Cook County Board
2 President's press conference, Abigail O'Quin shared her
3 perspective that "shelter is your home, and your home is where
4 your kids will grow, and if you have kids you would know that
5 you want what's best for your kids"; and

6 WHEREAS, In remarks prepared for the same press conference,
7 Sophia O'Quin said that "Cook County is already a safe place,
8 and a place that shows an astounding amount of pulchritude, but
9 you just made a decision that just made Cook County much more
10 of a refuge"; and

11 WHEREAS, As possibly the youngest registered speakers to
12 speak on a proposed amendment, Abigail and Sophia O'Quin stood
13 with bold determination and poise, delivered their official
14 remarks, and possibly swayed some last-minute decisions with
15 their passion and determination; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend Abigail and Sophia O'Quin on their courage in
19 speaking up for the marginalized people across Cook County; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to Abigail and Sophia O'Quin as an expression of our

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1 esteem and respect.