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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A quality education is one of the significant
3 foundations for the continuing success of our State, our
4 country, and our society at large; in the great State of
5 Illinois, we strive for the betterment of all citizens through
6 an increased focus on education and sharing; and

7 WHEREAS, Through providing the possibility of an excellent
8 education for all, especially children, with which to gain
9 knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a
10 brighter, kinder, and more united and prosperous future in the
11 lives of so many; and

12 WHEREAS, The educational system must also focus on
13 building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal
14 moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society
15 from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as
16 the Seven Noahide Laws; and

17 WHEREAS, One of the leading global advocates for the
18 advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi
19 Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the
20 importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of
21 humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and he
22 strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation

1 of strong moral values; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and
3 lasting contributions toward improvements in world education,
4 morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the
5 Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has
6 established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness
7 and strengthen the education of our children; and

8 WHEREAS, April 12, 2022 will mark 120 years since the
9 Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across the
10 United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's
11 vision, guidance, and leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the President of the
13 United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision
14 each year on that day by proclaiming it Education & Sharing Day
15 USA; and

16 WHEREAS, We presently battle a global pandemic that has
17 disrupted traditional models of education across our nation,
18 while concurrently motivating a focus on the stronger core
19 values we wish to impart to children and adults, beyond
20 academic achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, We can nurture the unity of diverse peoples

1 through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness,
2 imbued with awareness that even a single positive act of an
3 individual can make a major impact in this world; therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare April 12, 2022 as Education and Sharing Day in the
8 State of Illinois, and we call upon government officials,
9 educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those
10 within their communities and work to create a better,
11 brighter, and more hopeful future for all.