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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois developed the world's first  
3 juvenile court in 1899 out of concern that children be removed  
4 from adult prison and receive a second chance and has  
5 consistently been a leader in protecting children and  
6 promoting their rights; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois legal innovation of a juvenile court  
8 was rapidly adopted throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, based on its history and  
10 tradition of human rights and responsibilities, is committed  
11 to the human rights of children, including those children in  
12 conflict with the law; and

13 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the United States participated in a  
14 working group, along with nearly 80 other nations, to draft a  
15 Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was written with  
16 the specific purpose of promoting and protecting the  
17 well-being of all children, including those in conflict with  
18 the law; and

19 WHEREAS, On November 20, 1989, the United Nations General  
20 Assembly unanimously adopted the Convention on the Rights of  
21 the Child; and

1           WHEREAS, The United States formally signed the Convention  
2           on the Rights of the Child in 1995, signifying its intent to  
3           ratify the Convention; and

4           WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child has  
5           been ratified by all of the world's nations, except the United  
6           States, making it the most widely ratified human rights  
7           document in history; and

8           WHEREAS, The Illinois 99th General Assembly adopted HR  
9           1143 in 2010, with bi-partisan sponsorship, urging the  
10          ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and  
11          urging all Illinois agencies to ensure their policies and  
12          practices comply with the Convention on the Rights of the  
13          Child; therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15          HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
16          SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge all agencies in the  
17          State of Illinois, in particular those concerned with the  
18          economic opportunity, education, health care, housing,  
19          justice, nutrition, protection, and recreation of children, to  
20          ensure their policies and programs comply with the Convention  
21          on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the President of the United States,  
2           Joe Biden, to submit the Convention on the Rights of the Child  
3           to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for review; and be  
4           it further

5           RESOLVED, That we urge the Senate of the United States to  
6           ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it  
7           further

8           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9           delivered to the President of the United States, the Minority  
10          Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the  
11          United States Senate, and the United States Senators from  
12          Illinois.