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HOUSE RESOLUTION 49

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WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs are designed for students to accentuate a passion for teaching and learning, to discuss relevant topics regarding the field of education, to connect with mentors, local resources, and opportunities, to gain great leadership and communication skills, to learn about careers in education, and to develop a positive self-concept; and

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WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs strive to interest students in the field of education by providing information about careers in education and opportunities to participate in experiences that develop the qualities and skills essential for successful teaching; and

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WHEREAS, The recruitment of students from all ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds is emphasized by Future Teachers of America clubs; and

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WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs encourage all students to strive for academic excellence, to model appropriate classroom behavior, and to develop a positive self-concept; and

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WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs strive to

1 enhance school improvement by fostering a greater appreciation  
2 for teaching and learning, by assisting students, teachers,  
3 administrators, and other school personnel with school-related  
4 activities, and by encouraging members to be positive role  
5 models; and

6 WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs promote a  
7 positive image of the teaching profession by encouraging  
8 parent and community involvement in school activities,  
9 encouraging student involvement in the community, and  
10 encouraging business and school partnerships; and

11 WHEREAS, Future Teachers of America clubs can strive to  
12 inform members, advisors, and administrators of the growing  
13 demand for qualified teachers in Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we urge schools across the state to pursue starting Future  
17 Teachers of America clubs.