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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The concept of neurodiversity is a way of looking
3 at Autism, ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and other human
4 neurocognitive variations as normal differences in individual
5 brain function and behavioral traits; and

6 WHEREAS, Neurodiversity acknowledges this natural
7 phenomenon within the human population, uncovers the strengths
8 of neurodivergent individuals, and utilizes their talents to
9 increase innovation and productivity of society as a whole;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, When neurodivergent people are understood,
12 valued, and empowered, we all stand to benefit from their
13 important and unique contributions; and

14 WHEREAS, Neurodivergent people are increasingly involved
15 in postsecondary education but face serious barriers and
16 challenges on college campuses, not only related to
17 disability, functional differences, and accommodation needs
18 but also from stigma and prejudice toward neurodivergent
19 people; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognition of the neurodiverse among Illinois'
21 students, faculty, staff, trustees, and administrative teams

1 at institutions of higher education enhances the learning
2 experience for our students and creates a more inclusive
3 educational environment, providing public benefits for our
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois' institutions of higher education should
6 strive to improve support and accommodations for
7 neurodivergent students to help them achieve their personal
8 employment and career goals; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Community College Trustees
10 Association (ICCTA) was among the first of the higher
11 education entities in the United States to adopt a
12 Neurodiversity Inclusion Statement; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we encourage Illinois' institutions of higher education to
16 embrace the neurodiversity paradigm and adopt a statement of
17 inclusivity of neurodivergent individuals that appreciates and
18 embraces the fact that every student is different and should
19 be encouraged to reach their full potential; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Illinois Community College Trustees
22 Association (ICCTA) in recognition of its leadership in

1 raising awareness of neurodiversity inclusion.