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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 2017, during the 100th General Assembly, the Invest in Kids Act was created to grant low-income to middle-income parents a choice about their children's educations, bringing about a new era for children's education in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids Program provides 75% tax credits to individuals and businesses for their donations to scholarship-granting organizations, non-profits that provide school scholarships to low-income and middle-income students; and

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WHEREAS, The income limit for recipients of this program is 300% of the poverty level for new applicants and 400% of the poverty level for renewals, meaning that the most vulnerable students and families benefit from this program; and

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WHEREAS, During the 2021-2022 school year, the average scholarship value was \$8,340, and 9,029 students participated in the program, leading to many students receiving excellent educations without jeopardizing their families' budgets; and

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WHEREAS, Chicago Teachers Union President Stacy Davis Gates, someone directly involved in the quality of public

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1 education, has elected to send one of her children to a private
2 institution; and

3 WHEREAS, The Invest in Kids program is funded entirely
4 through private donations to scholarship-granting
5 organizations; local public school districts' funding from the
6 State is protected and cannot drop below 2019 levels, even if
7 the student population drops as it has in Chicago Public
8 Schools; and

9 WHEREAS, The 103rd General Assembly let this much loved
10 and well-respected program be pushed to the side, leaving
11 thousands of students and families without direction as to
12 what would become of their educations; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois has a responsibility to grant freedom to
14 its citizens, including freedom to make decisions about their
15 children's education; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we urge the General Assembly to take a vote on removing the
19 sunset from the Invest in Kids Act during the upcoming Veto
20 Session and make it possible for these students to continue
21 their educations; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to Speaker of the House Chris Welch, President of
3 the Senate Don Harmon, and Governor JB Pritzker.