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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Give Kids A Smile is a national campaign,  
3 sponsored by the American Dental Association, to deliver free  
4 oral health education, screening, and treatment services to  
5 children who would not otherwise receive dental care; and

6           WHEREAS, On Give Kids A Smile Day, Friday, February 6,  
7 2004, hundreds of thousands of children at more than 4,000  
8 sites across the country will receive free education,  
9 screening, and treatment services; and

10           WHEREAS, Dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants,  
11 lay volunteers, dental societies, and dental school students  
12 and faculties will be working together on that day to help  
13 children from low-income families who otherwise would not  
14 receive dental care; and

15           WHEREAS, While helping children is incredibly important to  
16 Give Kids A Smile Day, it is equally important to note the  
17 extent of untreated dental disease among too many of the  
18 nation's children and foster meaningful progress toward  
19 long-term solutions to dental access problems; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 recognize the importance of dental treatment to low-income  
23 children and support the efforts of the American Dental  
24 Association's Give Kids A Smile Campaign; and be it further

25           RESOLVED, That we name Friday, February 6, 2004 as Give  
26 Kids A Smile Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

27           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the American Dental Association with our best  
29 wishes for the success of the Give Kids A Smile Day in 2004.