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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tina Pinkham was recently named the Illinois Child Care Association/PSO Teacher of the Year; she received a \$1,000 stipend along with the award, which was presented at the organization's Annual Meeting with about 1,200 members in attendance; and

WHEREAS, From a family of seven raised in Central Illinois, Tina worked in retail management in the late 1980s and early 1990s before discovering her love for children; she married Doug Pinkham in 1991 and had a daughter, Lucianne, in 1996; a move took them to the Indianapolis area, and she became involved in many early childhood organizations; in addition to teaching in her church ministry, she also served as Secretary on the board of directors for HEAR Indiana (a non-profit organization for families of children with hearing impairments) and for the Women's Philanthropical Organization Tri Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Indiana is where Mrs. Pinkham gained her early childhood education and received a Child Development Associate; after she moved back to Farmer City to be closer to family in 2002, she founded First School, Inc., in Mahomet; she teaches a preschool classroom on a Montessori based curriculum; she is awaiting training certification from the North American Montessori Association for a Montessori teaching certificate, and she is enrolled at Parkland College to further expand her education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Tina Pinkham on being named the Illinois Child Care Association/PSO Teacher of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

- 1 presented to Ms. Pinkham as an expression of our respect and
- 2 esteem.