



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Mikva Challenge was founded in 1997 as a  
3 tribute to Abner and Zoe Mikva who have fostered a dedication  
4 to community service in thousands of young people across the  
5 Chicago area; and

6 WHEREAS, The essential philosophy of all Mikva Challenge  
7 programs is that the best way for young people to learn civics  
8 is to actively participate in the democratic process; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mikva Youth Advocacy Club involves 25 students  
10 working to create action plans on issues of concern to them;  
11 this year's focus is on education funding; students will  
12 utilize media promotion for their issues as well as dialogue  
13 with public officials on their issues; students will also  
14 travel to Springfield to discuss their education  
15 recommendations with lawmakers; and

16 WHEREAS, Another initiative of the Mikva Challenge  
17 involves helping high schools to form relationships with local  
18 businesses in order to offer part-time jobs to students from  
19 local high schools; the First Step program would require high  
20 schools to implement work skill programs for all students to  
21 prepare them for the workplace; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 we recognize the Mikva Youth Advocacy Club and the Mikva  
25 Challenge for the outstanding work that young people are doing  
26 through Club programs; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the Mikva Youth Advocacy Club as an expression of  
29 our respect and esteem.