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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 members of the Illinois WHEREAS, The House of 3 Representative are pleased to recognize Tracy Fisher, 4 recipient of the 2007 Kohl McCormick Early Childhood Teaching 5 Award; and 6 WHEREAS, Tracy Fisher has benefited the community of 7 Edgewater, by excelling in her role as a State Pre-Kindergarten teacher at the Helen C. Peirce School of International Studies; 8 9 and 10 WHEREAS, Tracy Fisher was bestowed the honor of being awarded among the Kohl McCormick Early Childhood Teaching 11 Awards for 2007; and 12 13 WHEREAS, The Kohl McCormick awards are granted to educators that exemplify the best practices of quality early childhood 14 teaching: dedication, innovation, leadership, respect for 15 16 children and their families, and commitment to professional 17 growth; and 18 WHEREAS, Visionaries like Tracy Fisher have excelled in educating the youth of the State of Illinois in creative and 19 20 innovative ways to teach our youth by incorporating drama, 21 visual arts, and music to foster creative learning; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The Kohl McCormick Foundation reviewed more than
- 2 200 nominees and selected only five as award recipients; thus,
- 3 Tracy Fisher represents the best of the field in early
- 4 childhood education; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Early childhood education has been shown to
- 6 drastically reduce future crime rates, and investments in
- 7 quality child care and early childhood education do more than
- 8 pay significant returns to children, our future citizens; they
- 9 also benefit taxpayers and enhance economic vitality; and
- 10 WHEREAS, High-quality early childhood education helps
- 11 prepare young children to succeed in school and become better
- 12 citizens; they earn more, pay more taxes, and commit fewer
- 13 crimes; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Access to available and affordable choices of
- 15 early childhood learning programs helps working parents
- 16 fulfill their responsibilities; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Due to the positive effects on society of quality
- 18 early childhood education, leaders like Tracy Fisher are
- 19 working to ensure a better future for the children she teaches,
- 20 their families, and society as a whole; therefore, be it

- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
 congratulate Tracy Fisher on receiving the 2007 Kohl McCormick
 Early Childhood Teaching Award, thank her for her dedication
 and service to the citizens of Illinois, and wish her continued
 success and happiness in the future; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Tracy Fisher as a symbol of our esteem and respect.