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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 254

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Resolution 254 by replacing

everything after the heading of the resolution with the

4 following:

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"WHEREAS, Section 27-12 of the School Code states that
"every public school teacher shall teach character education,
which includes the teaching of respect, responsibility,
fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship, in order
to raise pupils' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline,

10 respect for others, and moral courage for the purpose of

lessening crime and raising the standard of good character";

12 and

13 WHEREAS, School is not the only opportunity for lessons of 14 character development to occur; it is often difficult for 15 school districts and community organizations to identify and

find resources and programs that meet the statutory educational

- 1 requirements, and educational opportunities often arise only
- 2 in a haphazard way throughout the period of a season or school
- year; and 3
- 4 WHEREAS, Examples of a need for programs that can meet the
- 5 needs of a changing society are present from institutions of
- higher education, newspapers, and the media that decry the lack 6
- 7 of character development and moral and ethical education and
- 8 the seeming lack of moral judgment in making business,
- 9 political, and even personal decisions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, There are Illinois programs that can have great
- 11 positive impact on the character development of the children of
- this State and that satisfy Section 27-12 of the School Code; 12
- 13 therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BYTHE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE
- NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 15
- 16 we recognize that there are Illinois programs that are
- 17 qualified to teach character development and that are fully in
- compliance with Section 27-12 of the School Code.". 18