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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases; and

WHEREAS, The CDC's 2010 National Immunization Survey found an increase in vaccine usage for numerous vaccine-preventable diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, rotavirus, pneumococcal disease, hepatitis A, and Haemophilus influenza type B; and

WHEREAS, The results from the National Immunization Survey also indicate that vaccine coverage rates against poliovirus, chickenpox, and the full series of hepatitis B remained stable at or above 90%; and

WHEREAS, The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reports that adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age routinely receive meningococcal conjugate, tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Immunizing children and adolescents helps protect the health of our communities throughout the State of Illinois by slowing down or stopping disease outbreaks; and

1 WHEREAS, The Women in Government Foundation, Inc. is a
2 national, non-profit, non-partisan organization of female
3 State legislators that provides leadership opportunities,
4 networking expert forums, and educational resources to address
5 and resolve complex public policy issues; and

6 WHEREAS, The Women in Government Foundation has made it a
7 major policy initiative to emphasize the importance of lifetime
8 vaccinations to create a healthier population and save lives;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we encourage the continued use of vaccines in children,
13 adolescents, and adults to ensure the safety and health of
14 Illinoisans; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Women in Government Foundation in recognition
17 of their continued leadership on public health issues.