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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The children of Illinois are our future and will provide the leadership, creativity, and productivity to strengthen and sustain the quality of life in our State; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has the responsibility for ensuring that our children have every possible opportunity for school and future success; and

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WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be challenged academically and prepared for college, meaningful employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

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WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be supported by qualified, caring adults and receive access to personalized learning; and

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WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to learn about and practice a healthy lifestyle; and

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WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to learn in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe; and

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WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be actively engaged in learning and connected to the school and broader

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1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, The consequences of not ensuring our young people  
3 are challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged are  
4 clear; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois has the highest dropout rate of any state  
6 in the U.S.; and

7 WHEREAS, The cost to the State in lost wages, taxes, and  
8 productivity over the lifetime of these students is more than  
9 \$10.1 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, 19% of Illinois children were in poverty in 2010;  
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12 WHEREAS, 35% of children ages 3-5 were not enrolled in  
13 nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, 35% of Illinois children and teens ages 10-17 are  
15 overweight or obese; and

16 WHEREAS, Research indicates that more than 20% of students  
17 report there is no adult at their school who cares about them  
18 or knows them well; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the Indicators of School Crime and

1 Safety report of 2010, 32% of middle and high school students  
2 reported being bullied during the 2007 school year; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we recognize March as "Illinois Whole Child Month"; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That we recognize the value of assuring that each  
9 student is challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged;  
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we encourage parents, educators, and  
12 community members to support a whole child approach to  
13 education for each student; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we encourage every Illinois school to  
15 celebrate Whole Child Month by adopting at least one of the  
16 whole child tenets to promote and encourage throughout the  
17 month.