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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize young children as one of the State's most precious and valuable resources; and

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WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young Children is the nation's largest early childhood organization; the association seeks to serve and act on behalf of the rights, needs, and well-being of all young children, with a primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental needs and services; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children (ILAEYC) is the State affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children; ILAEYC has over 3,100 members and 17 local affiliate chapters around the State dedicated to the same mission; and

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WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young Children has designated the week of April 6-12 as the Week of the Young Child; the month of April is designated as Month of the Young Child in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their

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1 families and to recognize the individuals, early childhood  
2 programs, and services that are dedicated to meeting those  
3 needs; and

4 WHEREAS, There are members of the organization, such as  
5 teachers, program directors, school administrators, agency  
6 personnel, college faculty, and others, who continually go  
7 above and beyond what is expected to see that these needs are  
8 met; and

9 WHEREAS, These individuals are considered to be true  
10 Children's Champions, who go further than anyone else to make a  
11 positive difference to the lives of children everywhere; and

12 WHEREAS, The actions of Chris Bachelder of Moline (Quad  
13 Cities AEYC), Anna Cech of Champaign (East Central AEYC), Gail  
14 Conway of Chicago (Chicago Metro AEYC), Karen Cooper of Joliet  
15 (Joliet AEYC), Lee Ann Isbel of Peoria (Heart of Illinois  
16 AEYC), Jean Jackson of Riverton (Capitol Area AEYC), Jill  
17 Johnson of Carbondale (Southern Illinois AEYC), Marie Kielty of  
18 Chicago (South Suburban AEYC), Carrie Rafalski of Hoffman  
19 Estates (Golden Corridor AEYC), Tina Staley of Oblong (South  
20 Central AEYC), and Barbara Warmoth of Charleston (Spirit of  
21 Illinois AEYC) represent shining examples of those in our  
22 communities doing good things for children; these individuals  
23 have been nominated by their local affiliate AEYC chapters and

1 designated by the Illinois Association for the Education of  
2 Young Children as Illinois 2014 Children's Champions;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we recognize the Illinois 2014 Children's Champions and their  
7 dedication, hard work, and significant contributions to the  
8 State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to each of the Illinois 2014 Children's Champions in  
11 recognition of their efforts.