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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Recognizing that work remains to be done to aid  
3 the high number of unemployed and underemployed individuals,  
4 the State of Illinois and the federal government have announced  
5 major initiatives to promote workforce development activities;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, These activities are primarily aimed at helping  
8 individuals acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to  
9 pursue a career in today's competitive job market; and

10           WHEREAS, As part of these efforts, the State will be  
11 promoting a new initiative to increase the work readiness of  
12 individuals by obtaining a college degree or career  
13 certificate; and

14           WHEREAS, At the federal level, major efforts are being made  
15 to review the nation's workforce and training system to make it  
16 more job-driven, integrated, and effective; and

17           WHEREAS, A key aspect in the State and federal efforts is  
18 the active involvement of the private business sector; and

19           WHEREAS, Workforce Investment Boards provide businesses  
20 with an important forum to inform training providers, including

1 the public education system, community colleges, State  
2 University systems, and proprietary schools, of the needs of  
3 the local business community; and

4 WHEREAS, Workforce Investment Boards were established by  
5 federal law to serve as a vital provider of information,  
6 programs, and services to individuals seeking employment,  
7 employers, and training providers; and

8 WHEREAS, Under the authority provided to Workforce  
9 Investment Boards, opportunities and funds are available for  
10 individuals to enroll in training programs and services at Job  
11 Centers throughout the State that give priority to the local  
12 business community's current and future needs; and

13 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Illinois House of  
14 Representatives continues to support the role that Workforce  
15 Investment Boards play in strengthening their local  
16 communities and, by extension, the State of Illinois and the  
17 nation; and

18 WHEREAS, The week of August 25 through August 31, 2014 will  
19 be an opportunity for Workforce Investment Boards to highlight  
20 and promote the many ways in which they are undertaking this  
21 important work; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we recognize the week of August 25 through August 31, 2014 as  
4           "Workforce Development Week" in the State of Illinois and  
5           encourage individuals, businesses, and governmental  
6           organizations to visit and promote the programs and services  
7           offered through local Workforce Investment Boards.