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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education has been
3 granted a waiver to No Child Left Behind that mandates that
4 each race will have a separate standard to meet over the time
5 frame from 2011 to 2017 to raise reading and math scores for
6 grades 3 through 8; the standards amongst Caucasians,
7 African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asian-Americans are not
8 equal, with African-Americans and Hispanics being held to a
9 lesser standard than Caucasians and Asian-Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education has
11 determined certain races are not as smart or as capable of
12 learning as others in its use of race-based standards, the end
13 result being that basing standards on race across the State of
14 Illinois eliminates the ability of students to transfer to
15 better schools since all schools have the same standards, which
16 traps the students in poor performing schools where they will
17 receive a substandard education based solely on their race; and

18 WHEREAS, Instituting race-based education is a violation
19 of the United States and Illinois Constitutions, which
20 guarantee equal protection and forbid discrimination; and

21 WHEREAS, In the cases of home-schooled African-American
22 children, the racial achievement gap is virtually eliminated

1 with African-American students scoring almost twice what their
2 public school counterparts are scoring; and

3 WHEREAS, When African-American children are given high
4 expectations for learning and are shown respect from their
5 teachers, the racial achievement gap is virtually eliminated;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The United States is continuing to drop in
8 international education rankings, ranking about 35 when it used
9 to be ranked number one, in part due to race-based standards;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The more the United States federalizes education,
12 spends money, and increases education bureaucracy while
13 reducing local parental control, the more the State of Illinois
14 lowers its expectations of certain races and the more the
15 rankings fall; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 urge the State Board of Education to promote the same
19 educational standards for students of all races so that they
20 receive equal access to, and rights in, education, without any
21 distinction being made regarding the testing capabilities of
22 any one race; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the members of this body pledge to review
2 State policies and support current State programs that address
3 the distinction made among the races when it comes to equal
4 access to and rights in education; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to
6 allow closed school facilities throughout the State to be used
7 for charter or private schools; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge the ending of the public school
9 monopoly and allow true competition via Education Savings
10 Accounts and parental choice; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to
12 abolish any race-based standards in its policies and
13 procedures; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 delivered to the State Board of Education.