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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1014

2 WHEREAS, Every week in the United States, nearly 11 million
3 children younger than age 5 are in some type of child care
4 arrangement; on average, these children spend 36 hours a week
5 in child care; and

6 WHEREAS, While parents are children's first and most
7 important teachers, child care programs provide early learning
8 opportunities for millions of young children daily, having a
9 profound impact on their development and readiness for school;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Various studies have shown that children in higher
12 quality programs do better in school, are less likely to
13 require special education services, are more likely to attend
14 college, are more likely to earn higher wages and pay more in
15 taxes, and are less likely to be involved in the criminal
16 justice system; and

17 WHEREAS, Employers consistently report that the
18 availability of quality child care improves productivity and
19 reduces absenteeism and turnover from their employees; and

20 WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child, held on April 10-16,
21 2016, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National

1 Association for the Education of Young Children to focus public
2 attention on the needs of young children and their families and
3 to recognize the early childhood programs and services that
4 meet those needs; and

5 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for this body to pay
6 tribute to those who provide much-needed care and attention to
7 the children of this State; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 designate the fourth week of May of 2016 as Child Care
11 Awareness Week in the State of Illinois and thank those men and
12 women who care for the children of this State.