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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month originated in 1988 under President Ronald Reagan to give foster parents the recognition they deserve for opening their homes to children in need; and

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WHEREAS, Foster Care Month recognizes the foster parents who work to provide a bright future for the children in their care; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is strongly committed to ensuring that children grow up healthy and safe; and

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WHEREAS, Over 16,000 children in Illinois are looking for permanent families to give them the love and care they need and deserve, and to help them reach their goals; and

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WHEREAS, In order to give foster youth the support they need, people all over Illinois are stepping up to serve as mentors, teachers, faith leaders, caseworkers, advocates, and kinship caregivers; and

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WHEREAS, Declaring Foster Care Month in Illinois provides an opportunity to recognize foster parents for their hard work and dedication to children; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 recognize May of 2017 as Foster Care Month in Illinois to give
4 recognition to those who devote their lives to improving the
5 lives of foster children, and to bring awareness to the
6 hardships foster children face; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to George H. Sheldon, Director of the Illinois
9 Department of Children and Family Services.