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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association for the Education of
12 Young Children (ILAEYC) is the State affiliate of the National
13 Association for the Education of Young Children; ILAEYC has
14 over 2,000 members and 16 local affiliate chapters around the
15 State dedicated to the same mission; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of
17 Young Children has designated the week of April 24-28, 2017 as
18 the Week of the Young Child; the month of April is designated
19 as Month of the Young Child in the State of Illinois; and

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

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 Ashley Earles, Capitol Area AEYC
13 (Mechanicsburg); Kimberly Hahn, Heart of Illinois AEYC (East
14 Peoria); Carol Kackert, South Suburban AEYC (Oak Lawn); and
15 Mary Wonderlich, Illinois AEYC (Chicago); represent shining
16 examples of those in our communities doing good things for
17 children; these individuals have been nominated by their local
18 affiliate chapters and designated by the Illinois Association
19 for the Education of Young Children as Illinois 2017 Children's
20 Champions; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize the Illinois 2017 Children's Champions and their
2 dedication, hard work, and significant contributions to the
3 State of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to each of the Illinois 2017 Children's Champions in
6 recognition of their efforts.