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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois adopted the Illinois Learning Standards
3 in science in 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Learning Standards in science build
5 on children's inherent curiosity and introduce science at an
6 earlier age, when children have many questions about the world
7 and how it works; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Learning Standards in science help
9 students acquire a deep understanding of core science and
10 engineering concepts through applying them to real-world
11 situations; and

12 WHEREAS, Educators across Illinois have transformed
13 science education in the classroom to give students the
14 foundation they need to tackle complex issues in college and in
15 their careers; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, science education in Illinois emphasizes
17 an engaged, hands-on learning experience, in which teachers
18 facilitate student-led inquiry, discussion, research, and
19 experiments; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education believes a

1 high-quality science education equips students with the
2 knowledge and skills, such as communication, collaboration,
3 inquiry, and flexibility, that are necessary for all careers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Ensuring all students have access to a
6 high-quality science education is crucial to developing the
7 innovative thinkers Illinois needs to lead the country and the
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois, the country, and the world face known
10 and unknown challenges in the fields of medicine, technology,
11 climate, and energy; equitable access to science education will
12 help this and future generations solve these challenges; and

13 WHEREAS, April 22, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the
14 first-ever national Earth Day; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare April 22, 2019
18 through April 26, 2019 as Illinois Science Education Week to
19 celebrate and acknowledge science education across the State of
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Illinois State Board of Education.