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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois Reads was introduced by the Illinois Reading Council in March 2013; this annual, statewide project promotes reading for all Illinois citizens and is the State's largest reading encouragement program; and

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WHEREAS, Each year, Illinois Reads recommends six books in six different age categories, ranging from infant to adult, and written by authors with ties to Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois Reads focuses on reading at home and in the classroom; the program also emphasizes summer reading as a way to not only bring the family closer together but to also combat what is known as "summer learning loss" in children; and

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WHEREAS, As part of Illinois Reads, classrooms, public and school libraries, community groups, and community bookstores throughout the State will feature the titles of 36 books in the six separate age groupings; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois Reads is sponsored by the Illinois Reading Council, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy; the program works with the Illinois State Library, and State Librarian Jesse White is the Honorary Chair;

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2 WHEREAS, The 2019 Illinois Reads Book Festival will take
3 place on Saturday, March 16, at the Brookside Campus of
4 Waukegan High School; the culmination is a statewide
5 celebration of literacy during Secretary White's Family
6 Reading Night in November; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Illinois Reads program on its six years of
10 success, and we support the goals of the program; we urge
11 citizens throughout the State to become involved as Illinois
12 Reads Ambassadors and to support efforts to promote literacy;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Illinois Reading Council.