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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Excellence in education is vital to the success of
3 our nation, our State, and our communities; and

4 WHEREAS, In the great State of Illinois, we seek the
5 betterment of our citizens and look to provide each child and
6 adolescent with a good education; and

7 WHEREAS, Education develops the intellect and prepares
8 students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the
9 future through lessons in literacy, math, and science; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rebbe, the global spiritual leader Rabbi
11 Menachem Schneerson who dedicated his life to the betterment of
12 mankind, provided a shining example of what education ought to
13 be for all people; and

14 WHEREAS, The Rebbe was a tireless advocate for youth,
15 emphasizing the importance of education and good character and
16 instilling hope for a brighter future in countless people
17 around the world; and

18 WHEREAS, The Rebbe taught that education, in general,
19 should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and
20 preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on

1 making a better living; and

2 WHEREAS, The educational system must also focus on building
3 character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and
4 ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the
5 dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven
6 Noahide Laws, which have often been cited as a guarantee of
7 fundamental human rights; and

8 WHEREAS, The Rebbe taught that people must think in terms
9 of creating better lives for all members of society and that
10 focusing on the development of character, as well as strong
11 moral and ethical values, would further that goal; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and
13 lasting contributions to global education and his focus on
14 morality and acts of charity, the Rebbe has been awarded the
15 Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has
16 established his birthday as a national day to raise awareness
17 of the importance of strengthening the educational system for
18 our children; and

19 WHEREAS, Every year since 1978, on the Rebbe's birthday,
20 the President of the United States, regardless of political
21 affiliation, has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision by
22 proclaiming the day "Education and Sharing Day, USA"; and

1 WHEREAS, We strengthen the character of our youth by
2 encouraging them to serve a cause greater than themselves and
3 by fostering values, such as courage and compassion; and

4 WHEREAS, By instilling a spirit of service in our children,
5 we create a more optimistic future for our children and the
6 State; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 16,
9 2019 as Illinois Education and Sharing Day in the State of
10 Illinois.