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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Adoption has a lifelong impact on individuals and  
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, There are more than 2 million adopted children in  
5 the United States and more than 60,000 adopted children living  
6 in Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Adopted children deserve support to thrive; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois seeks to be a welcoming home for adopted  
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Children, including those who are adopted, spend  
11 much of their time at school and school-related events; and

12 WHEREAS, School mental health professionals, including  
13 school social workers, school counselors, and school  
14 psychologists, provide support to all students and may provide  
15 mental health care to students with identified need; and

16 WHEREAS, Being adopted approximately doubles the odds of  
17 having contact with a mental health professional; and

18 WHEREAS, Specialized training about the unique experiences

1 of adopted children and families impacted by adoption enhances  
2 best practice mental health services in a school setting;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we encourage all members of the  
7 General Assembly and their staff to learn more about and have a  
8 greater awareness of the issues impacting adopted children,  
9 including the impact adoption can have on one's mental health;  
10 and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That we encourage all employees of the State of  
12 Illinois, including but not limited to employees of the State  
13 Board of Education, the Department of Children and Family  
14 Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of  
15 Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Healthcare and Family  
16 Services as well as employees of school districts and  
17 nonpublic schools, to learn more about and have a greater  
18 awareness of the issues impacting adopted children, including  
19 information about adoption-competent mental health services to  
20 help adopted children living in Illinois to thrive.