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2 WHEREAS, The Northwestern University Dance Marathon is one 3 of the largest entirely student-run philanthropic causes in the 4 world; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 12,000 children in Chicago and 1.3 million 6 children in the United States of America are homeless; and

WHEREAS, StandUp for Kids, a non-profit organization devoted to finding homeless and at-risk teens across the nation and providing them access to shelters and resources to succeed in life, is Northwestern University Dance Marathon's 2010 primary beneficiary; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of members of the Northwestern University and Chicago community will come together to participate in a 30-hour non-stop dance-a-thon at the culmination of a year-long quest to raise funds and awareness for StandUp for Kids and the Evanston Community Foundation on March 5-7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, 2010 marks the 36th annual celebration of Northwestern University Dance Marathon, held in Evanston, and their commitment to unite Northwestern University and nearby communities through education and philanthropic fundraising;

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the mission and spirit of Northwestern University Dance Marathon, congratulate the marathon's dancers, supporters, and beneficiaries, and urge the people of this State to join in celebrating the pride, potential, and power of Northwestern University Dance Marathon and StandUp for Kids on the weekend of March 5-7, 2010.