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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed House Bill 1216  
3 (Public Act 97-503) in 2011 creating the School District  
4 Realignment and Consolidation Commission, which is also  
5 referred to as the Classrooms First Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commission was chaired by Lieutenant Governor  
7 Sheila Simon; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commission was required by law to make  
9 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on the  
10 number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of  
11 enrollment for a school district, and where consolidation and  
12 realignment would be beneficial; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commission adopted 2 key goals during the  
14 course of its deliberations, improving educational opportunity  
15 and improving efficient use of educational resources; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commission reviewed current research,  
17 analyzed Illinois educational data, held 8 public hearings  
18 statewide, and garnered comments from more than 500 individuals  
19 representing 75 counties and a broad representation of  
20 stakeholders; and

1           WHEREAS, The Commission adopted and filed its final report  
2 with the Governor and General Assembly on June 29, 2012, with  
3 the report containing 23 recommendations focusing on  
4 reorganization, educational shared services, operational  
5 shared services, and in-district efficiency; and

6           WHEREAS, The General Assembly was not in session on the day  
7 that the Commission's report was filed; and

8           WHEREAS, The General Assembly must vote on whether to  
9 accept the Commission's report by the adoption of a resolution  
10 by a record vote of a majority of the members elected in each  
11 house; and

12           WHEREAS, The General Assembly must vote on whether to  
13 accept the report within 14 days after the General Assembly  
14 convenes for the first time after the report was filed; and

15           WHEREAS, Legislation may be introduced at a later time to  
16 authorize specific recommendations in the report; therefore,  
17 be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly accepts the  
21 School District Realignment and Consolidation Commission's

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1 report filed on June 29, 2012.