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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize young children as one of the State's most precious and valuable resources; and

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WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young Children is the nation's largest early childhood organization; the association seeks to serve and act on behalf of the rights, needs, and well-being of all young children, with a primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental needs and services; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children (ILAEYC) is the State affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children; ILAEYC has over 3,500 members and 17 local affiliate chapters around the State dedicated to the same mission; and

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WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young Children has designated the week of April 11-16 as the Week of the Young Child; the month of April is designated as Month of the Young Child in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their

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1 families and to recognize the individuals, early childhood
2 programs, and services that are dedicated to meeting those
3 needs; and

4 WHEREAS, There are members of the organization, such as
5 teachers, program directors, school administrators, agency
6 personnel, college faculty, and others, who continually go
7 above and beyond what is expected to see that these needs are
8 met; and

9 WHEREAS, These individuals are considered to be true
10 Children's Champions, who go further than anyone else to make a
11 positive difference to the lives of children everywhere; and

12 WHEREAS, The actions of Barbara T. Bowman of Arlington
13 Heights and Chicago, Debbie Downs of Rochester, Becky L.
14 Freehill of Bloomington, Kathy Linkus of Princeton, Candace
15 Lewis of Marion, Jeanne Mentgen of Peoria, Jill Hardwick Moore
16 of Champaign, Jackie Swango of Charleston, and Melissa Szymczak
17 of Plainfield represent shining examples of those in our
18 communities doing good things for children; these individuals
19 have been nominated by their local affiliate chapters and
20 designated by the Illinois Association for the Education of
21 Young Children as Illinois 2011 Children's Champions;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize the Illinois 2011 Children's Champions and their
4 dedication, hard work, and significant contributions to the
5 State of Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to each of the Illinois 2011 Children's Champions in
8 recognition of their efforts.