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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Bankers Association is a
3 full-service trade association dedicated to creating a
4 positive business climate that benefits the entire banking
5 industry and the communities it serves; and

6 WHEREAS, The Bank of Edwardsville has partnered with the
7 Illinois Bankers Association to provide EverFi, an
8 award-winning financial literacy platform using the latest in
9 new media technologies to create a highly interactive
10 experience for high school students including adaptive
11 pathing, 3-D gaming, social networking, online animations,
12 video, and messaging tools to teach students core financial
13 topics such as banking, savings and budgeting, mortgages,
14 credit cards, financing higher education, stocks, 401(k)
15 plans, credit scores, insurance, taxes, and more; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bank of Edwardsville is fully funding the
17 EverFi financial literacy program in 14 area high schools to
18 ensure that each school fulfills the State mandate for
19 financial literacy education without the use of a single tax
20 dollar; and

21 WHEREAS, Forty-three students from Collinsville High
22 School were the first students in Illinois to graduate from the

1 nationally-recognized EverFi financial literacy program by
2 successfully completing each module of the program; these
3 students are now certified in hundreds of core financial
4 topics; and

5 WHEREAS, The graduation and certificate award ceremony was
6 held on February 8, 2012 at Collinsville High School; State
7 Senator Kyle McCarter, Republican spokesman on the Senate
8 Financial Institutions Committee, Dr. Robert A. Daiber,
9 Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools, John
10 Miller, Mayor of the City of Collinsville, and Linda Koch,
11 President and CEO of the Illinois Bankers Association, were all
12 featured speakers at the ceremony; and

13 WHEREAS, Students, teachers, parents, bank
14 representatives, and community leaders were also on hand to
15 witness the accomplishments of the students who now have the
16 best possible start when it comes to handling their finances;
17 their hard work in learning these tools will help them for the
18 rest of their lives; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we commend the Illinois Bankers Association and The Bank of
22 Edwardsville for their sponsorship of financial literacy
23 programs for high school youth and we congratulate the

1 Collinsville High School students upon their graduation from
2 the EverFi financial literacy program; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 delivered to the Illinois Bankers Association, The Bank of
5 Edwardsville, and Collinsville High School.