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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Quality education that is free from intimidation
3 and terror is a universal right that is of vital importance to
4 human society and a cornerstone of human rights; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 14, 2014, Boko Haram militants attacked
6 the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School in Borno State,
7 Nigeria and abducted almost 300 female students from the
8 campus; the terrorists subsequently drove them away from Chibok
9 in pickup trucks into the Sambisa Forest; and

10 WHEREAS, For the past 3 weeks, the Nigerian military has
11 sought these militants and their captives, with little apparent
12 success; and

13 WHEREAS, Some of the kidnapped girls have been forced into
14 "marriage" with their Boko Haram abductors, while others have
15 been taken across borders to Cameroon and Chad; two of the
16 girls have died from snakebite and about 20 other girls are
17 ill; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States government has issued a
19 statement of concern over the fate of the missing students, but
20 sterner action may be required to free the students from their
21 captors and assert the freedom of education for all; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we urge President Obama to do everything in America's power to
5 assist for the release and return of the young ladies abducted
6 by Boko Haram militants; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 delivered to President Barack Obama.