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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance
3 of higher education as a vital component of workforce
4 development, economic growth, and personal advancement; and

5 WHEREAS, Many students in Illinois balance professional
6 responsibilities and family obligations during the day, making
7 evening education programs essential to their academic and
8 career progress; and

9 WHEREAS, Night courses and programs at Illinois colleges
10 and universities provide crucial opportunities for
11 non-traditional students, working adults, and career changers
12 to pursue degrees and further their education without
13 sacrificing their employment; and

14 WHEREAS, These programs offer pathways for students to
15 build real-world skills and enhance their professional
16 experience while continuing to contribute to the State's
17 workforce and economy; and

18 WHEREAS, The availability of night courses expands access
19 to education, promotes workforce readiness, and strengthens
20 Illinois' economic competitiveness; and

1 WHEREAS, Budgetary cuts and program cancellations threaten
2 the continuation of these vital educational opportunities,
3 placing undue barriers on students seeking flexible learning
4 options; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we express our strong support for the continued offering and
8 expansion of night courses and programs at Illinois colleges
9 and universities; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we urge higher education institutions and
11 governing bodies to prioritize and protect night programs from
12 budgetary cuts or elimination; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the
15 Illinois Community College Board to share with the presidents
16 of public and private colleges and universities throughout
17 Illinois.