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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Parental involvement, nutrition, and  
3 extracurricular activity impact a child's well-being, academic  
4 success, and life trajectory; and

5 WHEREAS, A child's education does not occur exclusively in  
6 schools, but also within the child's home and community, and  
7 without proper support from all 3 aspects of a child's  
8 education, the child's prospects of becoming a well-equipped  
9 and valuable member of society are greatly diminished; and

10 WHEREAS, Fewer than 45% of parents read to their children  
11 at home and fewer than 28% tell their children stories; and

12 WHEREAS, All parents want their children to succeed in  
13 school and in life, yet parental time constraints, lack of  
14 training, or lack of easily accessible resources inhibit their  
15 ability to participate in the education of their children; and

16 WHEREAS, Class and socioeconomics directly impact the  
17 school-home experience; therefore, 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 school districts in this State

1 are strongly urged to improve support resources for involvement  
2 of parents in the education of their children through the use  
3 of the following strategies:

4 (1) delivering learning activities to parents through  
5 programs such as Pocket Literacy Coach and  
6 GreatSchools.org;

7 (2) providing parents with coaching on how to  
8 facilitate a more supportive home-learning environment;

9 (3) providing a direct form of communication that is  
10 convenient and easily accessible, such as text messaging;  
11 and

12 (4) increasing opportunities for parents to provide  
13 input and otherwise engage with the school; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That teachers and schools are encouraged to  
16 disseminate information and resources to parents to support the  
17 education of their children in the home by establishing a  
18 public system for announcing resources and feedback; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 delivered to the school districts of this State.