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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois' success in the 21st century depends on
3 providing a high quality education to every child; and

4 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools that do not
5 charge tuition and enroll any student who wants to attend,
6 often through a random lottery when too many students want to
7 attend a single charter school; and

8 WHEREAS, High-performing charter schools deliver a
9 high-quality public education and challenge all students to
10 reach their potential for academic success; and

11 WHEREAS, Charter schools promote innovation and excellence
12 in public education; and

13 WHEREAS, Charter schools throughout Illinois provide
14 thousands of families with diverse and innovative educational
15 options for their children; and

16 WHEREAS, High-performing charter schools are dramatically
17 increasing student achievement and college-going rates; and

18 WHEREAS, Students need to be equipped with the education
19 and skills that put them on the path to competitive jobs and a

1 bright future no matter where they live or what school they
2 attend; and

3 WHEREAS, In exchange for flexibility and autonomy, charter
4 schools are held accountable by public authorizers of such
5 charter schools for improving student achievement and for sound
6 financial and operational management; and

7 WHEREAS, Learning laboratories give educators the chance
8 to try new models and methods that can encourage excellence in
9 the classroom and prepare more of our children for college and
10 careers; and

11 WHEREAS, When charter schools demonstrate success and
12 exceed expectations, their practices should be shared with
13 other public schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Many Illinois charter schools choose to locate in
15 communities with few high-quality educational options, making
16 them an important partner in widening the circle of opportunity
17 for students who need it most; and

18 WHEREAS, It is up to parents, teachers, and citizens to
19 provide children the tools they need to move our country
20 forward, with a degree that leads to a good job and to the
21 critical thinking skills that make our democracy thrive; and

1 WHEREAS, Charter schools are advancing those goals, and
2 they help our State's children go as far as their talents will
3 take them; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate the students, families, teachers, and
7 administrators of Illinois charter schools for their ongoing
8 contributions to education and their impressive strides in
9 closing the academic achievement gap in Illinois schools,
10 particularly schools with some of the most disadvantaged
11 students in urban communities, and for improving and
12 strengthening the public school system in Illinois; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That we support the ideals and goals of the 16th
15 annual National Charter Schools Week, a celebration to be held
16 the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015, in communities
17 throughout Illinois.