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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize young children as one of the State's
4 most precious and valuable resources; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of
6 Young Children is the nation's largest early childhood
7 organization; the association seeks to serve and act on behalf
8 of the rights, needs, and well-being of all young children,
9 with a primary focus on the provision of educational and
10 developmental needs and services; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association for the Education of
12 Young Children (ILAEYC) is the State affiliate of the National
13 Association for the Education of Young Children; ILAEYC has
14 over 3,100 members and 17 local affiliate chapters around the
15 State dedicated to the same mission; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of
17 Young Children has designated the week of April 12-18 as the
18 Week of the Young Child; the month of April is designated as
19 Month of the Young Child in the State of Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to
21 focus public attention on the needs of young children and their

1 families and to recognize the individuals, early childhood
2 programs, and services that are dedicated to meeting those
3 needs; and

4 WHEREAS, There are members of the organization, such as
5 teachers, program directors, school administrators, agency
6 personnel, college faculty, and others, who continually go
7 above and beyond what is expected to see that these needs are
8 met; and

9 WHEREAS, These individuals are considered to be true
10 Children's Champions, who go further than anyone else to make a
11 positive difference to the lives of children everywhere; and

12 WHEREAS, The actions of Lee Eklund of Southern Illinois
13 AEYC (Carbondale); Andrea Bierman of Spirit of Illinois
14 (Charleston); Lou Anne Burton of East Central AEYC (Urbana);
15 Leigh Egger of Quad Cities AEYC (East Moline); Jacqueline
16 Miller of South Suburban AEYC (Chicago Ridge); Kathie Raiborn
17 of Heart of Illinois AEYC (Peoria); and Laurie Rhodes of
18 Capitol Area AEYC (Elkhart) represent shining examples of those
19 in our communities doing good things for children; these
20 individuals have been nominated by their local affiliate
21 chapters and designated by the Illinois Association for the
22 Education of Young Children as Illinois 2015 Children's
23 Champions; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 recognize the Illinois 2015 Children's Champions and their
4 dedication, hard work, and significant contributions to the
5 State of Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to each of the Illinois 2015 Children's Champions in
8 recognition of their efforts.