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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the work being done by the  
4 Give Something Back Foundation (GSBF) as it holds its annual  
5 dinner to welcome new students; and

WHEREAS, GSBF was established through the generosity of Bob Carr, a former resident of Lockport, who wanted to give back to the Lockport area community by helping disadvantaged, academically oriented children who were committed to excellence to complete a college degree; Mr. Carr received a merit scholarship at a critical time in his academic career which made it possible for him to finish his college education; realizing how his college education has helped him advance and prosper in today's society, he feels very strongly about giving the same opportunity to other young, striving individuals who do not have the financial resources to attend the university of their choice; he maintains the hope that scholarship recipients will give back to their community in the same manner as they, through the foundation, are giving to others; and

20 WHEREAS, GSBF started in 2003 when 7 students were given a  
21 scholarship to attend college; as of today, 60 new students  
22 have joined the 79 already in high school and 51 are currently  
23 in college or on the verge of graduating; in total, GSBF

1 currently has 54 college graduates, and, as of April 1, 2015,  
2 244 students are in the process of preparing for college, are  
3 in college, or have graduated; and

4 WHEREAS, Last year marked the first time that GSBF reached  
5 out to all of Will County to select students for the partner  
6 school program with Lewis University, University of St.  
7 Francis, and Blackburn College; this year marks another first  
8 as GSBF plans to significantly expand its reach to other  
9 communities with the help of like-minded supporters; and

10 WHEREAS, GSBF prepares students for college and for life  
11 through activities while in high school and partnering with  
12 universities that are dedicated to serving high-achieving,  
13 high-character students who are fully Pell Grant eligible; and

14 WHEREAS, The Core Activities of GSBF are: (1) to provide  
15 students with financial challenges an opportunity to get an  
16 education; (2) to provide students with non-academic  
17 activities to prepare them for college and for life; (3) to  
18 provide all students a mentor who will assist them as they  
19 progress through high school; (4) to provide assistance to  
20 students in assessing career and college choices; and (5) to  
21 expand the foundation plans by joining forces with other  
22 individuals or organizations who want to assist and provide  
23 opportunities for academically oriented students; and

1           WHEREAS, GSBF's annual dinner will be held on May 5, 2015  
2 at DiNolfo's in Homer Glen; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 recognize the work being done by the Give Something Back  
6 Foundation as it holds its annual dinner to welcome new  
7 students; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the GSBF as an expression of our esteem and  
10 respect.