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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The week of January 29 through February 4, 2017  
3 was designated as National Catholic Schools Week by the United  
4 States House of Representatives to recognize the contribution  
5 of Catholic education to families and communities across the  
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, There are 570 Catholic private schools in the  
8 State of Illinois, serving 160,419 students statewide,  
9 including 83 High Schools, 438 Elementary Schools, and 322  
10 Preschools; and

11 WHEREAS, Catholic schools instill a broad, high-quality  
12 education for students, emphasizing the lifelong development  
13 of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values; and

14 WHEREAS, Catholic schools serve our communities by  
15 providing a diverse student population from all socio-economic  
16 backgrounds a strong academic and moral foundation; enrollment  
17 nationwide includes 20.3% racial minorities, 16.1%  
18 Hispanic/Latino, and 17.4% non-Catholic; and

19 WHEREAS, Catholic schools offer an affordable education  
20 option for parents, including those in underserved urban areas;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, The Catholic high school graduation rate  
2 nationwide is 99%, with 87% of graduates attending four-year  
3 colleges; and

4           WHEREAS, National Catholic Schools Week was first  
5 established in 1974 and has been celebrated on the national  
6 level annually for the past 43 years; and

7           WHEREAS, The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2017  
8 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and  
9 Service"; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 declare the week of January 29 through February 4, 2017 as  
13 Catholic Schools Week in the State of Illinois; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That we support the continued dedication of  
16 Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers throughout  
17 the state toward academic excellence, and a bright future for  
18 Illinois youth.