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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) was created
3 to shine a spotlight on the dark topic of family court while
4 honoring the children who have been murdered by separating or
5 divorcing parents since 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Family Court Awareness Month was conceptualized
7 by Tina Swithin, founder and CEO of One Mom's Battle (OMB), in
8 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of One Mom's Battle and the Family
10 Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase
11 awareness on the importance of a family court system that
12 prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, The mission of the Family Court Awareness Month
15 Committee is to increase awareness on the importance of
16 education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma,
17 and post separation abuse for all professionals working within
18 the family court system; and

19 WHEREAS, The mission of the Family Court Awareness Month
20 Committee is to educate judges and other family court
21 professionals on the empirical data and research that is

1 currently available, as such research is a critical component
2 to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of
3 children; this research includes The Adverse Childhood
4 Experiences (ACE) Study by the CDC-Kaiser Permanente, the
5 Saunder's Study by the U.S. Department of Justice, The Meier
6 Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse
7 Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study titled Confronting
8 the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The mission of the Family Court Awareness Month
11 Committee is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in
12 the family court system while honoring the more than 100
13 children in the United States who have been murdered by a
14 parent after a custody court rejected the other parent's plea
15 for protection, as noted by the Center for Judicial
16 Excellence; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we declare the month of November 2021 as Family Court
20 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to One Mom's Battle and the Family Court Awareness
23 Month Committee with our sincere appreciation for their

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