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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Higher Education is the backbone of a productive
3 community and promotes values that shape the future; a person's
4 ability to obtain a degree from a higher education institution
5 equips them with the tools to shape their own destiny; college
6 should be universally accessible to all, regardless of
7 finances, family situations, or socioeconomic barriers; and

8 WHEREAS, Universities with childcare centers enable
9 students of all ages and backgrounds to obtain an education;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Balancing parenthood while striving for an
12 advanced degree presents numerous challenges; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois State budget has previously put
14 childcare services on the chopping block, creating further
15 challenges for parents and students; and

16 WHEREAS, 26% of all college undergraduates are raising
17 dependent children; and

18 WHEREAS, 47% of black women in college have children; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2012, the median earnings for full-time

1 year-round working young adults ages 25 to 34 with a bachelor's
2 degree was \$46,900; and

3 WHEREAS, A 2.5% increase in distribution fees for craft
4 beer breweries should be considered to fund childcare centers
5 at State universities that receive a lower amount of State
6 appropriations; and

7 WHEREAS, The funds generated from the 2.5% increase should
8 be evenly allocated to Chicago State University, Northeastern
9 Illinois University, and Governor's State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Funding childcare facilities means creating space
11 for a center or expanding existing facilities, paying salaries
12 of childcare teachers, and providing equipment needed to create
13 a healthy environment for all children while their parents
14 attend classes; and

15 WHEREAS, These monies would increase the graduation and
16 retention rate for students who attend these institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, The funds generated from the 2.5% increase in
18 distribution fees for craft beer breweries will remove a
19 barrier that has hindered thousands; and

20 WHEREAS, By implementing this strategy, college students

1 who are parents will be able to provide an improved quality of
2 life for their children; and

3 WHEREAS, Funding childcare centers at State universities
4 is an investment in the next generation; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 urge the Governor and the 99th General Assembly to review the
8 possibilities of increasing distribution fees by 2.5% on craft
9 beer breweries solely to fund childcare services at State
10 universities.