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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois enacted a State sales tax holiday that occurred over a ten-day period in August 2022, during which consumers were able to purchase school-related items and certain clothing while paying sales tax at a reduced rate, which was unlimited for school supplies and covered clothing up to \$125 per item; and

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WHEREAS, Due to this holiday, and with respect to eligible items covered by it, the current sales tax rate of 6.25% was reduced to 1.25% during this period; and

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WHEREAS, The sales tax holiday applied to items that are essential to academic success in the classroom, and such items included bookbags, binders, pencils, notebooks, erasers, and index cards; and

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WHEREAS, The August 2022 sales tax holiday was not renewed in the summer of 2023 for FY24 or any year thereafter despite the fiscal impact of the holiday in 2022 only being \$6.6 million, according to Illinois Department of Revenue Annual Report FY23, compared to a State budget of \$53 billion; and

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WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the cost of school supplies has spiked more than 24.5% since 2022,

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1 resulting in parents having to pay more per child on school  
2 supplies; and

3 WHEREAS, A 2024 survey conducted by Intuit Credit Karma  
4 found 33% of parents expressed that they could not afford to  
5 complete back-to-school shopping that year; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Tax Foundation, 11 states  
7 enacted a tax holiday for school supplies in 2024, bringing  
8 much needed tax relief to their constituents; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we urge the General Assembly and the Governor to enact a tax  
12 holiday for school supplies in 2025 and thereafter to bring  
13 relief to working parents; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of  
16 the Illinois House of Representatives, and the President and  
17 Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.