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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Head Start on the
4 occasion of its 60th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its inception in May 1965, Head Start has
6 provided health, nutritional, educational, and social services
7 for children from birth to age five; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is now in its 60th year of
9 implementing Head Start programming, supporting eligible
10 children and their families in all 102 counties of the State;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Head Start program has evolved into a
13 nationwide force with the mission of meeting the emotional,
14 social, health, nutritional, and educational needs of children
15 in a community setting; and

16 WHEREAS, Children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head
17 Start programs are more likely to have positive educational
18 outcomes and improved social, emotional, and behavioral
19 development; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, Head Start supports

1 family outcomes and well-being by promoting families as
2 lifelong educators and learners and fostering positive
3 parent-child relationships; and

4 WHEREAS, Head Start ensures that parent voices inform
5 policy and believes that family engagement and participation
6 throughout the program is key to strong child outcomes because
7 parents and families are a child's first and most influential
8 teachers and lifelong advocates; and

9 WHEREAS, Head Start is delivering medical, dental, and
10 mental health screening, parenting resources, and other social
11 and health services, in addition to necessary early education
12 services, which prepare these children to compete with their
13 peers with more resources; and

14 WHEREAS, Head Start connects and partners with local
15 schools, local providers of child care, state and local
16 preschool initiatives, and other community service providers
17 to connect children and families with resources and
18 opportunities to promote school readiness and positive
19 outcomes; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Head Start on its 60th anniversary; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That we encourage all Illinoisans to recognize
3 and support the dedicated leadership and staff in their
4 communities that make Head Start possible and provide vital
5 assistance to Illinoisans in need through educational, health,
6 and family support services.