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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois Department of Children
3 and Family Services (DCFS) is to promote prevention, child
4 safety, permanency, and well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2018, DCFS had approximately 17,481
6 children under its service umbrella; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker and the General Assembly
8 budgeted an additional \$128.2 million for DCFS for Fiscal Year
9 2020 and authorized the hiring of an additional 300 employees;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, DCFS has the primary responsibility of protecting
12 children through the investigation of suspected abuse and
13 neglect by parents and other caregivers in a position of trust
14 or authority over the child; and

15 WHEREAS, The Office of Inspector General of DCFS has
16 recommended changes within DCFS in its annual report; and

17 WHEREAS, 123 children who are, or who have been, under the
18 DCFS service umbrella died between July 1, 2018 and June 30,
19 2019; and

1 WHEREAS, The Adoption and Child Welfare Committee of the
2 Illinois House of Representatives is a bi-partisan group of
3 legislators committed to working together to better protect
4 children under the purview of DCFS; and

5 WHEREAS, Input from the medical community is important to
6 this endeavor; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we urge Illinois' medical community to work with the General
10 Assembly and other stakeholders to develop the best practices
11 and resources to assist them in their role as mandated
12 reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.