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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A Purple Star School is a public school that is
3 committed to supporting the unique educational and
4 social-emotional needs of military-connected children; and

5 WHEREAS, Purple Star Schools recognize that
6 military-connected students must move whenever their
7 active-duty parent receives a relocation order and will uproot
8 and change schools far more often than their civilian peers;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, A military-connected child can expect to move six
11 to nine times between kindergarten and their high school
12 graduation; and

13 WHEREAS, Purple Star Schools acknowledge that every
14 military-connected child has left behind friends and support
15 networks and may be dealing with a parent who is away from home
16 on deployment; and

17 WHEREAS, Several states have begun to recognize Purple
18 Star Schools, including Indiana and Ohio; and

19 WHEREAS, It is important that Illinois schools share this
20 commitment to military-connected children when they are

1 relocated into a new school district; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois State
5 Board of Education to establish and manage a program
6 designating Purple Star Schools in Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to
8 ensure a school meets, at a minimum, the following
9 requirements prior to being designated a Purple Star School:

10 (1) Designate a staff point of contact for military
11 students and families;

12 (2) Establish and maintain a dedicated page on its
13 Internet website or a location in the school's
14 administrative office featuring information and resources
15 for military families;

16 (3) Maintain a student-led transition program to
17 include a student transition team coordinator; and

18 (4) Provide professional development for additional
19 staff on special considerations for military students and
20 families; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to
22 utilize the Military Child Education Coalition for resources
23 and information regarding establishing and managing a Purple

1 Star School program in Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That beginning with the 2022-2023 school year,
3 we urge the State Board of Education to begin submitting an
4 annual report by December 31 of each year to the General
5 Assembly on which schools have been designated a Purple Star
6 School; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 delivered to State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala.