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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Illinois Student
4 Assistance Corps (ISACorps) on the occasion of its 15th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, ISACorps members are recent college graduates who
7 are trained to help students overcome barriers to education
8 and training beyond high school; and

9 WHEREAS, ISACorps members support students and their
10 families as they explore and navigate postsecondary choices,
11 apply to college, and seek financial aid and other resources;
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13 WHEREAS, The ISACorps provides direct services statewide,
14 ensuring that one-on-one help is in reach no matter where
15 students live or what other resources their school districts
16 are able to provide; and

17 WHEREAS, The majority of ISACorps members have been the
18 first in their families to have completed college and have
19 lived or attended school in the area where they work, and this
20 racially and geographically diverse group includes graduates
21 from across the spectrum of Illinois colleges and universities

1 and various academic paths; and

2 WHEREAS, ISACorps alumni have advanced to work in policy
3 positions, as practitioners, as employees and leaders, and in
4 other important roles in educational institutions, community
5 organizations, research and advocacy groups, and government;
6 as a result, the organization has not only helped high school
7 students directly but has also helped to establish a more
8 representative face on education and public service in
9 Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The first ISACorps cohort began training 15 years
11 ago in June 2009; since then, its members have served tens of
12 thousands of Illinois students each year through financial aid
13 presentations, FAFSA completion workshops, mentoring, and
14 one-on-one assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, The ISACorps have not only served high school
16 students but have provided interventions at high-need middle
17 schools under a federal GEAR UP grant, supported new college
18 students through the First-Generation Scholars Network, and
19 aided older students through community outreach, building and
20 supporting services for regions and individuals that would
21 otherwise have limited access to college access programs and
22 support systems; and

1 WHEREAS, Complications with the Free Application for
2 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2024-25 have highlighted the
3 importance of personal assistance to ensure that Illinois
4 families receive the financial assistance that they need to
5 reach students' educational goals; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Illinois Student Assistance Corps
9 (ISACorps) on its 15th anniversary, and we extend our
10 gratitude to its members for their efforts to ensure that
11 Illinois students and families have access to the
12 transformational potential of education and training beyond
13 high school.