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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Illinois Action for
4 Children on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of its
5 founding; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois Action for Children was founded by
7 Sylvia Cotton in 1969 as the Day Care Crisis Council of
8 Metropolitan Chicago in response to concerns about a lack of
9 quality child care available to working parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Cotton was spurred into action by working on
11 a child care study for the City of Chicago, recognizing that
12 there was inadequate access to child care funding for working
13 families and that child care providers face conflicting and
14 confusing regulations, leading to poor standards in child care
15 facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Illinois Action for Children initially focused
17 its mission on advocacy, helping spur the creation of an
18 Office of Child Care Services in Chicago through frequent
19 rallies and letters to the editor to local newspapers; and

20 WHEREAS, Illinois Action for Children grew its work to
21 help proactively address issues faced by families in need of

1 child care services and child care providers, helping engage
2 both stakeholders to support informed public policy on child
3 care; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, Illinois Action for Children hosts a range
5 of programs for child care providers and early childhood
6 educators, for local communities, and for parents and
7 families, performs research to understand the child care and
8 early learning experiences of Illinois families and care
9 providers, and provides advocacy to improve the experiences of
10 and resources available to children, families, and child care
11 providers; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Illinois Action for Children on its 55th
15 anniversary and wish them many more successful years; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Illinois Action for Children as a symbol of our
19 respect and esteem.