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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, TECH 2006 is celebrating its 15th anniversary at
3 the State Capitol Building in Springfield on February 16, 2006,
4 at which students and teachers from throughout Illinois will
5 demonstrate to State legislators and other visitors the vast
6 number of ways that students are using technology to learn; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 5,500 Illinois students of all ages have
8 benefited from participating in TECH 2006 school technology
9 demonstrations since 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, TECH 2006 is a statewide initiative representing
11 every legislative district in Illinois and supported by a broad
12 range of education and business organizations to increase
13 awareness about classroom technology and the role it plays in
14 preparing students for the workplace of their future; and

15 WHEREAS, Due to a commitment to improving technology
16 education, Illinois advanced from 49th place in 1998 in
17 educational technology to 1st place in the nation by 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, The need to provide professional development that
19 empowers Illinois teachers to become 21st century learners who
20 can prepare their students for the challenges of the 21st
21 century continues; and

22 WHEREAS, Awareness and support for educational technology
23 must be increased by raising its visibility in a positive
24 context and by communicating that information fluency and 21st
25 century skills are valuable and necessary for the future of
26 Illinois; and

27 WHEREAS, Administrators, teachers, and students encourage
28 the State of Illinois to provide sufficient funding to support
29 technology, telecommunications, and Internet access in order

1 to accomplish the goals and objectives of the State educational
2 technology plan, as well as district and school improvement
3 efforts; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate TECH 2006 on its 15th anniversary and we
7 encourage all citizens to visit their local school, observe
8 classrooms, and thank their teachers for preparing the citizens
9 of Illinois' future; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we hereby declare February 16, 2006, as TECH
11 2006 Day in Illinois.