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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The family, serving as the primary source of love,
3 identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of
4 our communities and our State; and

5 WHEREAS, In Illinois, there are 15,000 children and youth
6 in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable
7 home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Foster families, who open their homes and hearts
10 and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a
11 vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect and
12 launching children into successful adulthood; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster
14 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, There are numerous individuals and public and
17 private organizations who work to increase public awareness of
18 the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the
19 enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

20 WHEREAS, The foster care "system" is only as good as those

1 who choose to be a part of it; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we proclaim May as Foster Care Month in the State of Illinois
5 and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive
6 that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in
7 foster care.