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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the nationwide
3 seriousness of drug abuse and violence by our nation's and our
4 State's youth, and the urgent need to use and to expand
5 school-based prevention education programs throughout the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The day-to-day struggle against alcohol abuse,
8 tobacco, drugs, and violence requires a long-term national,
9 state, and local effort and commitment; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1983, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education
11 (D.A.R.E.) Program has taught millions of young people how to
12 recognize and to resist the pressure to be involved in drugs,
13 gangs, and violent activities; and

14 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program underscores a nationwide
15 commitment and dedication to help our nation's youth to "just
16 say no" to drugs and to violence; and

17 WHEREAS, By promoting positive youth development, D.A.R.E.
18 Programs across our nation are helping children and young
19 people make the right choices and build lives of purpose; and

20 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program allows law enforcement

1 personnel to enter our nation's classrooms to answer difficult
2 questions about drugs, violence and crime, teaches students how
3 to avoid temptation, and encourages open communication between
4 young people and local law enforcement officers; and

5 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program strengthens our local
6 communities and provides our children and young people with a
7 strong foundation and model for success; and

8 WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. Instructors, along with parents,
9 teachers, health care professionals, and all other interested
10 parties who help our nation's youth grow into responsible,
11 successful adults, are strengthening our country and
12 contributing to a future of hope for everyone; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the nationwide
14 seriousness of drug abuse and violence by the youth of our
15 nation and our State, and the urgent need to use and to expand
16 school-based prevention education programs throughout the
17 nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Illinois' D.A.R.E. Program shows a commitment by
19 the State to never cease in its duties to fight the war on
20 drugs and violence; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 recognize the day of October 15th, 2009, and every October 15th
3 thereafter, as D.A.R.E. Day in the State of Illinois, and
4 encourage all citizens to support and partake in their local
5 D.A.R.E. programs.