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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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3 A Resolution to encourage the boards of directors of
4 school districts to adopt a policy designating
5 Wednesday evening as family night.

6 WHEREAS, studies show that the family is the single
7 most important influence on a child's life; and

8 WHEREAS, studies also reflect that families who
9 spend time interacting positively with their children
10 tend to have children who are successful in school;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, societal changes in recent decades have
13 increased the numbers of two-income families, single
14 parents, and parents who as individuals hold more than
15 one job, thereby lessening the time parents can spend
16 with their children; and

17 WHEREAS, schools can act positively to nurture
18 families by at least one night per week avoiding the
19 scheduling of any school activities that would prevent
20 or impair the ability of a family to interact
21 together; and

22 WHEREAS, student involvement in athletic and
23 community activities also provides families with
24 opportunities to come together, improves the self-
25 esteem of students, and encourages stronger social
26 networks between students, families, and the
27 community; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
29 That the boards of directors of school districts
30 throughout the state be encouraged to facilitate a

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1 well-rounded education experience by promoting student
2 involvement in home, family, and community activities,
3 as well as involvement in extracurricular activities,
4 interscholastic athletic competitions, and other non-
5 school-related activities, through the adoption of a
6 policy that designates each Wednesday evening, after 6
7 p.m., during the school year as family night.

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