

## House Resolution 1643

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Bobby Dodd Institute; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, inspired by the rich history and legacy of Bobby Dodd, an ardent advocate and  
3 College Football Hall of Fame player and coach, the Bobby Dodd Institute empowers  
4 individuals to maximize their potential by securing economic self-sufficiency, independence,  
5 and inclusion within their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bobby Dodd Institute has grown from its humble beginnings as a resources  
7 program at All About Developmental Disabilities to become a workforce innovation leader  
8 that offers a continuum of support for all ages, stages, and levels of need for people with  
9 disabilities and their families; and

10 WHEREAS, during 2025, the institute assisted nearly 3,500 individuals through its  
11 empowerment and employment services, including career planning, specialized job training,  
12 resources coordination, intensive case management, life skills training, and more; and

13 WHEREAS, the institute additionally launched its Elevate Academy in partnership with local  
14 businesses to provide individuals aged 18 to 30 with paid internships that allow them to  
15 develop job skills in real-world environments; and

16 WHEREAS, through its Benefits Navigation program, the institute helped secure over \$232  
17 million in cumulative potential lifetime public benefits, allowing those in need to achieve the  
18 foundation necessary for a stable, independent life; and

19 WHEREAS, with nearly 50 worksites and more than 375 employees, 43 percent of whom  
20 have a diagnosed disability, the Bobby Dodd Institute is a beacon of hope that generates  
21 meaningful, impactful results for the individuals and families it serves; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary organization be  
23 appropriately honored.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the Bobby Dodd Institute for its decades  
26 of exceptional service on behalf of those in need as well as extend best wishes for continued  
27 success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 Bobby Dodd Institute.