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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, National Louis University was founded by
3 Elizabeth Harrison over 130 years ago as an institution
4 dedicated to training teachers in the belief that education is
5 the engine of prosperity and social justice; and

6 WHEREAS, National Louis University is well-known in the
7 education community as a national leader and innovator; many
8 outside that community may not know that the American
9 Kindergarten Movement, Parent Teacher Associations, the Head
10 Start Program, and bachelor's degrees in elementary education
11 all began in Illinois with National Louis University's research
12 and advocacy; and

13 WHEREAS, National Louis University's National College of
14 Education is nationally known for educating future teachers to
15 succeed in urban environments; 70 National Louis University
16 alumni have won the prestigious Golden Apple Award for
17 Excellence in Teaching - far more than any other Illinois
18 school of education; and

19 WHEREAS, National Louis University continues its proud
20 tradition of evolving to meet the needs of 21st Century
21 students and communities, and leading advancements in the field
22 of education through such innovative initiatives as the

1 Harrison Professional Pathways program, which focuses on
2 providing wrap-around support and a high quality education at
3 an affordable price to help modest-income students attain their
4 bachelor's degrees; and

5 WHEREAS, National Louis University will be presenting its
6 Pioneer and Reach Awards to the 2017 winners at its Awards Gala
7 on June 6, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pioneer Award is given to an individual who
9 exhibits exceptional character as well as a sense of higher
10 purpose in life and work, thereby increasing opportunity and
11 quality of life for others and thus reflecting the core values
12 of National Louis University and its founder, Elizabeth
13 Harrison; and

14 WHEREAS, Dominic Belmonte, Chief Executive Officer of the
15 Golden Apple Foundation for Excellence in Teaching, is the
16 recipient of the 2017 National Louis University Pioneer Award;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, National Louis University Reach Awards are given
19 to alumni who are making a significant impact in their fields
20 and the communities in which they work and live; and

21 WHEREAS, Lynn Cherkasky-Davis of the Chicago Teachers

1 Union Foundation, J.P. Watkins of the Council for the Jewish
2 Elderly, and Salisia Webber of Allure Events and Design are
3 recipients of the 2017 National Louis University Reach Awards;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, National Louis University has more than 130 years
6 of leadership and continues to realize the University's vision
7 of education as the most effective pathway to justice and
8 economic well-being; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 wish to congratulate National Louis University and the
12 recipients of the 2017 Pioneer and Reach Awards and express our
13 gratitude for their dedication to improving the lives of the
14 people of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 presented to each award recipient and to National Louis
17 University as an expression of our esteem and respect.