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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the students, faculty,
4 staff, and alumni of Providence Catholic High School in New
5 Lenox on the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, Providence Catholic was established in 1918 when
7 the Sisters of Providence from St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana
8 were asked to staff a small high school and teach the 59
9 students who were attending; the school was named Providence
10 High School on October 22, 1918; and

11 WHEREAS, Student enrollment at the school grew through the
12 years, and a new co-institutional facility was opened in
13 September of 1962 with an enrollment of 340; by 1993,
14 enrollment reached 1,140; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Providence Catholic is a co-educational,
16 college preparatory Augustinian high school located on 75 acres
17 in New Lenox; and

18 WHEREAS, Students come from more than 70 elementary,
19 middle, and junior high schools within a 30 mile radius; and

20 WHEREAS, Dedicated and caring faculty and staff teach a

1 demanding curriculum and conduct inclusive service programs in
2 a nurturing environment, all with the core Augustinian values
3 of truth, unity, and love; the most recent graduating class
4 performed over 100,000 cumulative hours of community service
5 during their high school careers; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2010, Providence Catholic has produced 840
7 Illinois State Scholars, 12 National Merit finalists, one
8 National Merit semi-finalist, 57 National Merit commended
9 students, four National Hispanic Scholars, and one National
10 Achievement Scholarship Program finalist; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to the strong academic offerings,
12 Providence Catholic is also known for its competitive
13 athletics; the school has 30 state championship titles, the
14 most of any private high school in the State of Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Providence Catholic continues to build upon a
16 strong foundation of rigorous academics, competitive
17 athletics, and extensive community service; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox on
21 a century of education, admire all their years of success, and
22 know that, through the hard work of the students, faculty, and

1 staff, a bright future lies ahead; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the President of Providence Catholic, Fr. John
4 Merkelis, and the Principal of Providence Catholic, John
5 Harper, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.