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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Lebanon School District on the 140th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, The Lebanon Public School began in 1872 with C.V. Bridge as principal, 7 teachers, and a janitor; early school rules included such provisions as "the air in each schoolroom should be effectually changed at each recess in winter", "the temperature shall at no time exceed 65 degrees", and "no teacher or pupil shall use tobacco in any shape during school hours"; and

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WHEREAS, In 1885, the school bonds matured, and, surrounded by witnesses to celebrate, the bonds were burned in the school's stove; at the turn-of-the-century, the high school course was 2 years long; the last graduating class of the nineteenth century included Benjamin Howard Mc-Allister, age 15, salutatorian, and Cora Gedney, valedictorian; and

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WHEREAS, In 1921, the Lebanon High School District was organized and a school board elected with Dr. Phil Griesbaum as chairman and Dr. Fred Renner as secretary; and

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WHEREAS, Notable alumni from Lebanon High include track

1 star, Craig Virgin, who in 1973 won fame and set records around
2 the world for the one, 2, and 3-mile events; and

3 WHEREAS, The 140th celebration will take place on April 16,
4 2013, in a one-room school house to commemorate the district's
5 humble beginnings; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Lebanon School District on its 140th
9 anniversary and we honor the legacy they have built; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Lebanon School District as an expression of
13 our esteem and respect.