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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the congregation of St. Malachy Precious Blood Church and School on the occasion of the church's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

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WHEREAS, The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863; the Proclamation declared that those enslaved in Confederate territory were to be immediately freed; and

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WHEREAS, St. Malachy Precious Blood Church and School is the oldest serving Black Catholic School on Chicago's West Side; the church, which was established in 1882, was home to the first black priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Roland Lambert, who was a pioneer in the teaching of black history; St. Malachy Precious Blood was also once home to Mother Teresa and her order, who lived at the church and worked in the community; and

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WHEREAS, St. Malachy Precious Blood Church is an active participant in the Chicago community; the church administers programs for the homeless and the poor in the community and runs an afterschool program for the school and surrounding CPS

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1 Schools; the church also continues to educate and inform the
2 community of the church's history; and

3 WHEREAS, St. Malachy Precious Blood Church was honored by
4 the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of the Chicago Archdiocese
5 for its work in the community with the poor; and

6 WHEREAS, The congregation of St. Malachy Precious Blood
7 Church and School will celebrate this momentous occasion on
8 June 29, 2013 at St. Malachy Precious Blood Church; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate the congregation of St. Malachy Precious Blood
13 Church and School on the occasion of the church's celebration
14 of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to St. Malachy Precious Blood Church and School as a
18 symbol of our esteem and respect.