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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Michelle Germanson, O.P. and her accomplishments as president of Trinity High School in River Forest; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Michelle has ministered through education and leadership roles in Colorado and Illinois; she served as the Dean of Students at Dominican University before assuming the challenge of running Trinity High School, an all-girl college preparatory high school founded by the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin; she has been president of Trinity since 1992, and she celebrated her 50th Golden Jubilee as a Sinsinawa Dominican Sister in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Michelle's passion and unwavering belief in God made her instrumental in maintaining Trinity's all-girl status, despite heavy pressure to become co-ed; she instituted full block scheduling and the prestigious International Baccalaureate Programme; Trinity was the second school in Illinois, and the first Catholic school, to embrace such a bold endeavor; Newsweek later recognized the program as one of the best in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Michelle recognized the empowerment

1 students gain from a Trinity education; she oversaw the
2 construction of a technology center, a major athletic facility,
3 and a state-of-the-art health and fitness center; she ensured
4 that every girl had the tools necessary to achieve her highest
5 potential; and

6 WHEREAS, Sister Michelle has served on the Board of
7 Dominican University and on the Board of St. Mary's College in
8 Notre Dame, Indiana; she was awarded the Senior Citizen's
9 Center of Oak Park-River Forest Ulyssean Award for her
10 demonstrated commitment to strengthening the community and
11 educating its members and their children; and

12 WHEREAS, Sister Michelle's commitment to Trinity is as
13 strong now as it was her first day, and she is looking forward
14 to celebrating Trinity's Centennial Celebration in 2017;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 recognize Michelle Germanson, O.P. and thank her for her
19 dedication to Trinity and its students, who will move into
20 tomorrow positively influencing the world around them; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Sister Michelle as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.