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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the students of Prairie Central High School for their cemetery mapping project; and

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WHEREAS, Prairie Central High School Geography teacher Andrew Quain began the cemetery mapping project in the Fall of 2015; it was important to him to not only meet classroom education standards, but also participate in a project that had lasting power, something that his "students could work on and see the results" since geography is "all about collecting and using the data"; and

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WHEREAS, The biggest recent addition to the project has been the use of GPS devices, which digitally plot the location of the gravestones; although it requires the students to spend a little bit more time at the cemetery, the devices have improved the speed and accuracy of the map-making process; and

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WHEREAS, Students also perform geographic analysis and research individuals buried in the cemetery; a majority of the biographical information requires students to study the gravestones and take notes; additional information, including the date of birth, the date of death, military service where applicable, and any damage to the gravestone, is also

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1 collected; and

2 WHEREAS, Once students are finished collecting their data,
3 the information is uploaded to create an interactive map
4 online; when the map is complete, users will be able to search
5 for the location and information of the graves in the cemetery;
6 the map will be added to the cemetery project webpage on the
7 Prairie Central website, and the geographic analysis will be
8 stored in the school's library and made available upon request;
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10 WHEREAS, Currently, the geography students are mapping
11 approximately 3,300 graves in Chenoa Cemetery, which they began
12 at the end of April 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, To date, students have completely mapped seven
14 cemeteries across McLean and Livingston Counties, including
15 St. John Catholic Cemetery, Graceland Cemetery,
16 Chatsworth-Charlotte Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery, Cropsey
17 Cemetery, Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, and South Apostolic
18 Christian Cemetery; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 recognize the students of Prairie Central High School for
22 mapping more than 13,000 gravestones across eight cemeteries

1 within the Prairie Central School District, and we commend
2 their work on a project that helps many people in their
3 genealogy research; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Geography teacher Andrew Quain as an expression of
6 our esteem and respect.