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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois State Senate are
3 pleased to recognize the significant milestones of educational
4 institutions in this State; and

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WHEREAS, Fenwick High School was started by the Dominican
6 Friars of the Province of St. Joseph and named after Edward
7 Dominic Fenwick, O.P., the first Bishop of Cincinnati; it
8 opened its doors to 200 students on September 9, 1929; and

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WHEREAS, Since its opening, Fenwick High School has
10 embraced a tradition of excellence in academics, as evidenced
11 by the number of National Merit Scholars and Illinois State
12 Scholars, high SAT and ACT scores, and large numbers of
13 students matriculating to top universities throughout the
14 country; and

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WHEREAS, Since its founding, Fenwick High School has
16 maintained a 100% college matriculation rate, and its graduates
17 have been awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to
18 universities throughout the country; it has been selected as
19 one of the top 60 private schools in the nation by the
20 Department of Education and was rated an "Outstanding American
21 High School" by U.S. News & World Report; and

1 WHEREAS, Fenwick High School's devotion to excellence also
2 extends to athletics; it has won numerous conference and state
3 championships throughout its history; in 2007, Sports
4 Illustrated rated Fenwick High School as one of the 50 Best
5 High School Athletic Programs in the Country, and countless
6 alumni have gone on to play for college and professional sports
7 teams; and

8 WHEREAS, As Fenwick High School celebrates the start of its
9 90th year of academic, spiritual, and athletic excellence, that
10 devotion to excellence can be seen throughout the State of
11 Illinois and the country in the many talented alumni, including
12 elected officials, an Olympic Gold Medalist, Rhodes Scholars,
13 Pulitzer Prize winners, an astronaut, a Heisman Trophy winner,
14 professional athletes, as well as CEOs of many national and
15 international corporations; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September 9,
18 2018 as Fenwick High School Day throughout the State of
19 Illinois as a celebration of the start of the school's 90th
20 school year; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Fenwick High School, its
22 administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni, on 90
23 years of academic, athletic, and spiritual excellence; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That we wish the entire Fenwick Family many more
3 years of great success in educating the high school students of
4 Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to Fenwick High School's President, Fr. Richard
7 Peddicord, O.P., and Principal, Peter Groom, as a sign of our
8 congratulations and well wishes.