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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the 2021-2022 7th-and-8th 4 grade girls and boys basketball teams of Alexander Graham Bell 5 Elementary School, who each won their division of CPS Score, 6 the Chicago Public School district-wide championship; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Mark Klein of the girls Bell Blaze team and Brett Maher of the boys Bell Blaze team remain committed to youth athletics and have instilled the values of hard work and sportsmanship in their players; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Juan Gonzalez, Tom Pearl, Sean Lee, and Brian Hamilton of the girl's team and Coaches Greg Finger and Jon Rosenband of the boy's team brought the love of basketball to every practice, game, and tournament; and

WHEREAS, The members of the girls team are Zohra Atmani, Brianna Cruz, Gabriela Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Lyla Hamilton, Drew Janovsky, Grace Lee, Mila Maksimovic, Ava Martin, Tilly Paulson, Karley Pearl, Maddy Rich, Lilah Rosenfeld, Alex Sacchi, Claire Sharkey, Charlotte Smyth, Isabella Snopek, and Demi Spalla; and

21 WHEREAS, The members of the boys team are Ahmad

- 1 AbuShukhaidem, Liam Alegria, Oliver Ara, Phoenix Arroyo, Ethan
- 2 Attanasio, Bode Bryant, Anthony Chambers, Henry Cheeseman,
- 3 Charles Duffy, Ethan Finger, William Ingram, Chase Kaplan,
- 4 William Kapp, Liam Kho, Adam Kroot, Nicholas Linares, Callan
- 5 Maher, Kiran Mishra, Nour Mohammad, Kevin Murphy, Luke
- 6 Possinger, Cash Reese, Arnold Rosenband, Clayton Stiglicz,
- 7 Solar Strom-Corso, John Timm, Nicolas Wright, and Peter
- 8 Zuvich; and
- 9 WHEREAS, CPS Score, the district-wide championship,
- 10 provides an opportunity for young athletes across Chicago to
- 11 meet, engage, and learn from one another; and
- 12 WHEREAS, This marks the fourth CPS title in the past ten
- 13 years for the girls team and the first CPS title for the boys
- team in Bell's history; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The girls team played exemplary defense,
- understanding that cooperation in these situations would allow
- for fast-breaks and opportunities to take chances; and
- 18 WHEREAS, The boys team focused heavily on zone defense,
- 19 trapping and rebounding, and established strong trust among
- 20 players; therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 2 we congratulate Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School on the
- 3 district-wide championships of their 7th-and-8th grade boys
- 4 and girls basketball teams; and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 6 presented to Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School to
- 7 highlight the impactful role of sportsmanship and athleticism
- 8 on young people.