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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rebecca Hermann, a
4 computer science teacher at John M. Palmer Elementary School,
5 on the occasion of being named a 2023 Amazon Future Engineer
6 Teacher of the Year Award recipient; and

7 WHEREAS, The Amazon Future Engineer Teacher of the Year
8 Awards celebrate teachers who work diligently to help students
9 discover the possibilities that computer science and robotics
10 bring for the future; in addition to being formally
11 recognized, award recipients receive \$25,000 to expand
12 computer science or robotics education at their school; and

13 WHEREAS, Teachers are selected for demonstrating a
14 dedication to educational equity in underserved communities,
15 their commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion within
16 computer science education, and displaying instructional
17 excellence and a record of student achievement; and

18 WHEREAS, Rebecca Hermann is one of ten teachers recognized
19 this year, and she is the only teacher selected from the State
20 of Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Rebecca Hermann, an alumna of Palmer Elementary

1 herself, has been teaching at the school since 2012; as part of
2 the award, she has committed to remain at Palmer Elementary
3 and teach computer science or robotics for the 2023-2024
4 school year; and

5 WHEREAS, For Rebecca Hermann, receiving the Amazon Future
6 Engineer Teacher of the Year Award is not the first time her
7 dedication to her students has been acknowledged; in 2019, she
8 was one of 16 teachers honored by the Chicago Bears and Symetra
9 with a Heroes in the Classroom Award, which recognizes
10 teachers for their ability to balance the core curriculum with
11 students' individual needs, invest in their long term success,
12 and build trust among students, parents, and the community;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Rebecca Hermann has been the embodiment of Palmer
15 Elementary's mission of empowering students to find value in
16 their individuality and sharing their talents within the
17 community, not only by employing lessons on technical
18 instruction such as 3-D printing, circuit board building, and
19 robotics but also by ensuring her students understand digital
20 citizenship and their role in using technology now and in the
21 future; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
23 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Rebecca Hermann on being named a 2023 Amazon
2 Future Engineer Teacher of the Year Award recipient, and we
3 thank her for her dedication to the students at John M. Palmer
4 Elementary School; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Rebecca Hermann as an expression of our esteem
7 and respect.