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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the 2023-2024 7th and 8th
4 grade girls basketball team of Alexander Graham Bell
5 Elementary School for winning the Chicago Public School
6 district-wide championship, CPS Score!; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Mark Klein of the girls Bell Blaze team
8 remains committed to girls athletics and has instilled the
9 values of hard work and sportsmanship in his players; and

10 WHEREAS, Assistant Coaches Jessica Ransom, Jermaine Marks,
11 and Derek Yerkovich have also been crucial to the success of
12 the Bell Blaze team; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Mark Klein started the girls Basketball
14 program in 1993 and has been head coach since; and

15 WHEREAS, This district-wide championship marks Coach Mark
16 Klein's fourth consecutive championship win; and

17 WHEREAS, The Bell Blaze team members are Vega
18 Ransom-Marks, Mary Hickman, Allie Reynolds, Nicole Toledo,
19 Eliana Snopak, Alana Kroot, Lucia Azzarello, Callie Possinger,
20 Paniz Baluch, Eva Yerkovich, Jordyn Alfarara, Mia Fojtik, Zoe

1 Shey, and Sarah Neely; and

2 WHEREAS, The team displayed exemplary defense,
3 understanding that patience and cooperation in these
4 situations would allow for fast-breaks and opportunities to
5 take chances; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the team's hardships due to multiple
7 player injuries, the result of their success stems from
8 superior ball movement and coming together as a united front;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School on the
13 district-wide championships of their 7th and 8th grade girls
14 basketball team; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School to
17 highlight the impactful role of sportsmanship and athleticism
18 on young people.