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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Dorothy Jean Tillman on receiving her Ph.D. at the age of 17; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman had obtained an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, and master's degree by the age of 14 and set her sights on a doctorate; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman delivered her dissertation at the age of 17, and at 18, she is officially a doctor after walking at Arizona State University's College of Health Solutions convocation on May 8, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman excelled in her academic pursuits from a young age; by age 7, she was already doing high school work and started to take college level module tests and apply the credits toward higher education; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman studied integrated behavioral health at Arizona State University; for her dissertation, she explored the stigma that prevents university students from getting mental health treatment; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman also devotes her time to running the

1 Dorothy Jeanius STEAM Leadership Institute, which inspires
2 hundreds of underserved young people in Chicago, as well as
3 abroad in countries such as Ghana and South Africa, to pursue
4 STEAM careers; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman hopes to continue developing her
6 camps and start applying her studies on integrated behavioral
7 health into her work; she also hopes to work more with children
8 in Africa; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Dr. Dorothy Jean Tillman on receiving her
12 Ph.D. at the age of 17; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Dr. Tillman as a symbol of our respect and esteem.