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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Elgin High School Teacher,
4 Deborah Perryman, on receiving the Illinois Teacher of the Year
5 award on April 17, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Perryman is a biology and environmental
7 science teacher from Elgin High School, where she has taught
8 since 1994; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Perryman received a bachelor's degree from
10 Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Aurora
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Perryman's School District, U-46, is the
13 second largest district in Illinois, serving over 39,000
14 students in all grade levels from 11 communities in Chicago's
15 northwest suburbs; because of their size, the district offers
16 the most comprehensive K-12 educational opportunities
17 available in the Fox Valley area; and

18 WHEREAS, After learning that storm-water isn't treated
19 before entering creeks, rivers, and lakes, Ms. Perryman's
20 students initiated a class project that marked 3,800 storm
21 drains in the Polar Creek watershed with warning signs against
22 dumping waste in the drains; the initiative was copied and
23 continued by the Conservation Foundation; in addition, Ms.
24 Perryman and her students transformed 35 acres of vacant high
25 school property into the Elgin High School Nature Trail; and

26 WHEREAS, She was chosen from a pool of 300 nominees and 12
27 finalists; as part of the award, she will spend the 2004 fall
28 semester speaking at workshops, an educational conference, and
29 community meetings; in addition, she will represent Illinois at
30 the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, and in the National

1 Teacher of the Year program; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Deborah Perryman on receiving the Illinois
5 Teacher of the Year Award and wish her the best for the future;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Deborah Perryman as an expression of our respect
9 and esteem.