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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China is participating in the expansion of the Chicago Public Schools' internationally recognized Chinese World Language Program by donating 1,000 Mandarin language books in a ceremony at McCormick Elementary School in Chicago, Illinois on November 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, This first annual donation represents an important contribution to Chicago's Chinese World Language Program, a program that is recognized by the Chinese National Office of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language as a model program; and

WHEREAS, This donation lays a foundation for the further expansion of the program, including three additional schools, which will provide more than 1,000 new slots for students, which currently includes 2,320 students at 12 Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The generous gift of the Chinese people will help to connect Illinois students with relevant language and cultural skills, prepare them for an increasingly global marketplace, connect Illinois schools and educators with those in China, and strengthen a bond with the Chinese people; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the People's Republic of China, Consul General Xu Jinzhong, and the members of the Chinese delegation for their contribution to the Chicago Public Schools, and we welcome them to the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Consul General and members of the

1 Chinese delegation along with our enduring gratitude.