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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois wish to congratulate the Gibson City Middle
4 School on being designated this year as an Illinois Horizon
5 School: Schools to watch; and

6 WHEREAS, Gibson City Middle School is one of only six
7 middle schools this year to be designated as one of their
8 Schools to Watch; and

9 WHEREAS, The award recognizes the school for overall
10 excellence, being labeled as having visionary leadership, a
11 positive school culture, democratic and data-driven
12 decision-making, a dedicated knowledgeable staff, and
13 outstanding students; and

14 WHEREAS, The award is a culmination of an ambitious plan
15 begun by the district in 1993 to incorporate the middle school
16 model of education, which began with a newly consolidated
17 school district; the Gibson City facility opened in 2001 and is
18 looked upon as "the final piece of the puzzle" to implementing
19 the middle school concept; and

20 WHEREAS, Important components to the middle school concept
21 include innovative team teaching organized by grade level

1 rather than by subject, an advisory period each day when
2 character education and life skills can be shared, and offering
3 a series of exploratory minicourses;; and

4 WHEREAS, The students of Gibson City Middle School also
5 take part in the surrounding community by picking up roadside
6 trash, visiting residents of a nearby nursing home, and
7 landscaping their entire school building with little outside
8 help; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the Gibson City Middle School on being designated
12 as a Illinois Horizon School: Schools to Watch; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Gibson City Middle School principal Michael Bleich
16 as an expression of our esteem.