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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students, faculty, and staff of Lincoln Elementary School in Highland Park on the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary on February 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary School's rich history began in 1886, when the school's first building at the intersection of Lincoln and Glencoe Avenues in Highland Park was built at a cost of \$2,450; the two-room school was used until 1909 and was called "The Little Red School", though the official name given was Fairview School; and

WHEREAS, Fairview School served students until February 12, 1909, when a new school was dedicated; the new school, named the Lincoln School, was dedicated and opened on the 100th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln; the new eight room, two-story school were staffed by the Fairview School's original teachers, William C. McKenzie, Abbie B. Bastin, and Mrs. Lulu Gaggin, as well as a new teacher, Magaret L. Freeman; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln School stood unchanged until 1924, when the Board of Education, then called District #108, approved the addition of an auditorium; the auditorium was followed by the

1 addition of a southeast corner in 1928, first floor classrooms  
2 in 1938, additional classrooms in 1956, a complete renovation  
3 in 1959, and a cafeteria and southeast classrooms in 1999; one  
4 of the most unique architectural elements at Lincoln, "The  
5 Flight of Time" designed by John Van Bergen, was added in 1929;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Today, 277 students in kindergarten through fifth  
8 grade attend Lincoln School; the school's original staff of  
9 four has grown to a current total of 14 classroom teachers and  
10 26 additional staff members, which provide instruction in  
11 general studies as well as special programs such as music, art,  
12 physical education, technology, library, Spanish, band, and  
13 orchestra, as well as social work, speech/language, special  
14 education resource, and gifted and Reading Recovery services;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Lincoln School has a long tradition of academic  
17 excellence; in 1988, the school received the Blue Ribbon Award  
18 as an exemplary school from the United States Department of  
19 Education; the school has been recognized four times, most  
20 recently for 2007, with certificates of Academic Excellence  
21 from the Illinois State Board of Education, which are given to  
22 schools demonstrating continued success on the Illinois  
23 Standards Achievement Test; and

1           WHEREAS, On February 12, 2009, the Lincoln School PTA will  
2           have a Centennial Party to honor the 100th anniversary of the  
3           school and to celebrate the bright future that the school most  
4           definitely has; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate the students, faculty, and staff of Lincoln  
8           Elementary School in Highland Park on the occasion of the  
9           school's 100th anniversary and wish them continued success in  
10          the future; and be it further

11          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12          presented to Bill Fredricksen, Principal of Lincoln Elementary  
13          School, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.