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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students,
4 faculty, and administration of Walter Payton College
5 Preparatory High School in Chicago for winning the top award in
6 the Intel Schools of Distinction contest; and

7 WHEREAS, The Intel Schools of Distinction contest was
8 designed to prepare tomorrow's innovators in the areas of
9 innovative math and science programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Walter Payton College Prep is a Chicago high
11 school with a student body representing youth from more than
12 100 elementary schools around the city; the school serves a
13 diverse student body and focuses on mathematics, science, and
14 world languages; and

15 WHEREAS, As a result of Walter Payton College Prep's strict
16 standards and world-class curriculum, more than 99% of Payton
17 students meet or exceed State math standards and 98% of its
18 students graduate and excel in academic competitions; the
19 school also has an excellent record for helping students
20 qualify for AP courses and pass AP tests; and

21 WHEREAS, As a winner of the Intel Schools of Distinction

1 contest, Walter Payton College Prep won an estimated \$160,000
2 in a combination of cash grants from the Intel Foundation and
3 an award package of curriculum materials, professional
4 development resources, and computer hardware and software; the
5 school also took home the Star Innovator Award, which earned it
6 an additional \$15,000 from the Intel Foundation for a total of
7 \$175,000 in cash and prizes; and

8 WHEREAS, Walter Payton College Prep and its students serve
9 as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the
10 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate the students, faculty, and administration of
14 Walter Payton College Preparatory High School for winning the
15 top award in the Intel Schools of Distinction contest and wish
16 them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Ellen Estrada, principal of Walter Payton College
20 Prep, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.