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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students,
4 staff, faculty, and alumni of Saint Patrick High School in
5 Chicago on the 150th anniversary of the institution; and

6 WHEREAS, The mission statement of Saint Patrick High School
7 is "Rooted in the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle,
8 Patron of all Teachers, Saint Patrick provides an educational
9 experience of the highest quality that enables young men to
10 develop their maximum potential as lifelong learners and
11 leaders of the Church and society"; and

12 WHEREAS, The school was established in 1861 by the De La
13 Salle Christian Brothers; in 1953 it moved from Des Plaines and
14 Adams to its current location at Belmont and Austin and now
15 serves dozens of different parishes and grammar schools
16 throughout the city and suburbs; it is recognized as Chicago's
17 oldest, all-male, Catholic high school; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2004 the school became the first in the State
19 to implement a mandatory drug-testing program; and

20 WHEREAS, Students from Saint Patrick High School have been
21 awarded millions of dollars in college scholarships each year;

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2 WHEREAS, The school has withstood the Chicago Fire, the
3 Great Depression, and many other challenges throughout their
4 150 years; the Christian Brothers stand prepared to continue
5 the proud Lasallian tradition throughout the 21st century; and

6 WHEREAS, Notable alumni of the High School include
7 legendary DePaul Basketball Coach Ray Meyer; Senior producer of
8 Dateline on NBC television, Jack Cloherty; Chicago Cubs team
9 physician, Dr. Steve Gyzlo; nationally known restaurateur
10 Phil Stefani; co-founder of Century 21, Lowell I. Stahl; and
11 many others in business, politics, and sports; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we wish the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Saint
15 Patrick High School a joyous time on this momentous occasion;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to President Brother Konrad Diebold, FSC, and
19 Principal Dr. Joseph G. Schmidt of Saint Patrick High School,
20 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.