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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the administration, staff, and students of Aqsa School on the occasion of the school's 25th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Aqsa School was created in 1986 by Tawfik Nassar, Salem Akras, Muhammed Atieh, Shafiq Diab, Adeeb Abu Shariff, and Mahmoud Ismail; the school is the first Islamic education institution to be created in the State of Illinois and the only all-girls Islamic school in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Aqsa School is dedicated to providing a comprehensive education in an Islamic environment which is safe, orderly, and well-equipped to serve the needs of students from pre-school through high school, with grades six through twelve being exclusively for girls; the school offers an educational program steeped in the basic principles of Islam, the Islamic codes of ethics, and Islamic history, as well as a full range of coursework at all levels, focusing on a college preparatory curriculum in the upper grades; and

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WHEREAS, Aqsa School takes a "whole child" approach by providing a school climate that constantly stimulates intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical growth guided by

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1 Islamic teaching and excellence in instruction; each student is  
2 encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility for herself and  
3 others; and

4 WHEREAS, Aqsa School is recognized and accredited by the  
5 Illinois State Board of Education and The North Central  
6 Association; the school is also a member of the National  
7 Association of Secondary Schools, the National Honor Society,  
8 The National Junior Honor Society, the Illinois Junior Academy  
9 of Science, and the Illinois Coalition of Non-Public Schools;  
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11 WHEREAS, The dedicated staff of Aqsa School serves as a  
12 model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of  
13 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate the administration, staff, and students of Aqsa  
17 School on the occasion of the school's 25th anniversary and  
18 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Aqsa School as a symbol of our esteem and respect.