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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff,  
4 faculty, students, and alumni of St. Joseph High School in  
5 Westchester as they celebrate the institution's golden  
6 anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, St. Joseph High School in Westchester was founded  
8 in 1960; St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, co-educational,  
9 college-preparatory high school sponsored by the Lasallian  
10 Christian Brothers; and

11 WHEREAS, After the closing of Immaculate Heart of Mary High  
12 School, St. Joseph High School became co-educational and moved  
13 into the former Immaculate Heart of Mary building to  
14 accommodate an expanding enrollment; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Joseph High School's curriculum has received  
16 the highest rating offered by the North Central Association of  
17 Colleges and Universities; St. Joseph High School was the first  
18 high school in the Chicago area, and one of a select few high  
19 schools' in the country, to employ a one-to-one laptop learning  
20 program, where each student uses a laptop computer, every day,  
21 for every class; St. Joseph High School embraces technology  
22 resulting in students who are more effective critical thinkers,

1 problem solvers, communicators, and researchers; and

2 WHEREAS, St. Joseph High School produces technology-savvy  
3 students who are excellently prepared to meet the demands of an  
4 evolving global society; St. Joseph High School is the only  
5 high school with a credentialed Men's and Women's Leadership  
6 Academy, which teaches leadership skills in a daily class for  
7 each of its students; St. Joseph High School strengthens the  
8 character of students through a constant focus on faith and  
9 service based on Lasallian Christian Brother traditions; St.  
10 Joseph High School fosters a family atmosphere and provides  
11 personalized attention to all students; and

12 WHEREAS, St. Joseph High School converted to a  
13 co-educational mission to accommodate Immaculate Heart of Mary  
14 students and other young women from the area; in addition,  
15 innovative single gender and co-educational class options were  
16 developed for all students; St. Joseph High School welcomes  
17 students from all backgrounds, resulting in a tremendously  
18 diverse enrollment composed of students from different racial,  
19 academic, economic, social, and religious backgrounds coming  
20 from more than 100 elementary schools in and around Chicago and  
21 its suburbs; St. Joseph High School transforms diversity into  
22 an asset by teaching students to work successfully with others  
23 from multiple backgrounds, resulting in young men and women  
24 genuinely prepared for the real world; St. Joseph High School

1 understands the value of change and incorporates new ideas for  
2 an increasingly relevant education; St. Joseph High School is a  
3 school where 99% of graduates, regardless of background, are  
4 accepted into their college of first choice; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 9, 2011, St. Joseph High School will  
6 celebrate its 50 years of educational excellence at the Golden  
7 Jubilee Gala; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate everyone involved in the 50th anniversary of  
11 St. Joseph High School and wish them continued success for  
12 years to come; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Donna Kiel, Principal of St. Joseph High School,  
15 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.