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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the 4th and 5th  
4 grade students and teachers at Homestead Elementary School in  
5 Aurora for their outstanding achievement in raising money for  
6 Haiti earthquake relief efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, In the last year, the world has suffered many  
8 great tragedies, from the devastating earthquake in Haiti to  
9 the earthquake in Japan to the most recent tornados tearing  
10 through the Southern United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Doing their part, students at Homestead  
12 Elementary School have been learning about Haiti and have  
13 created a mural depicting how Haitians live and how they have  
14 dealt with the horrible earthquake; and

15 WHEREAS, Realizing the extreme conditions currently facing  
16 people in Haiti, students and teachers embarked on a journey  
17 partnered with Free the Children to collect and raise money in  
18 an effort to rebuild schools; and

19 WHEREAS, In just a few short months, students and teachers  
20 at Homestead Elementary School were able to raise \$8,500, which  
21 is enough to build and furnish a school in Haiti; and

1           WHEREAS, Students raised money by having garage sales,  
2           setting up lemonade stands, and doing chores throughout the  
3           neighborhood; other students sang, walked dogs, and baby sat to  
4           help reach their goal; students also passed along donation jars  
5           throughout the school and local businesses; and

6           WHEREAS, In this tough economic climate, the motivated  
7           students of Homestead Elementary School were able to meet their  
8           goal in just a few months, becoming the first school in the  
9           Free the Children program to raise enough money to build a  
10          school in Haiti and bolster hope for the new school's  
11          community; 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 congratulate the 4th and 5th grade students and teachers at  
15          Homestead Elementary School in Aurora for their outstanding  
16          achievement in raising money for a new school in Haiti; and be  
17          it further

18          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19          presented to the 4th and 5th grade students and teachers at  
20          Homestead Elementary School in Aurora as a symbol of our esteem  
21          and respect.