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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Bill Mitchell for
4 receiving the "2011 Best High School Blood Drive Coordinator
5 Award" from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 2007, Bill Mitchell took over the organization
8 of the annual spring Student Council blood drive at East Leyden
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, A second yearly blood drive in the fall was soon
11 added to East Leyden's schedule at Bill's request; and

12 WHEREAS, Under Bill's innovative leadership, the donations
13 collected at East Leyden High School's blood drives have risen
14 dramatically and are now well more than double what they were
15 when he began; and

16 WHEREAS, East Leyden's faculty and staff have donated over
17 1,330 units of blood at the school drives Bill has overseen;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The success in Bill's drives lies in the
20 enthusiasm he has generated among students through his

1 creativity in turning the blood drives into "theatrical
2 productions" in which student volunteers feel that they are
3 part of a cast playing various roles to manage the various
4 aspects of the drives; and

5 WHEREAS, Several East Leyden High School Alumni have gone
6 on to achieve placement in pharmacy school and Harvard
7 University as a result of scholarship money that was awarded to
8 the high school because of its successful blood drives; and

9 WHEREAS, The results of Bill's efforts will continue to be
10 seen for years to come because of the critical role high school
11 blood drives play in cultivating lifetime donors; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2011, LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center,
13 nominated Bill Mitchell as the "Best High School Blood Drive
14 Coordinator" in a state-wide competition hosted by the Illinois
15 Coalition of Community Blood Centers; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend Bill Mitchell for his selfless service to his
19 community and his strong commitment to his students; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Bill Mitchell as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.