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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Shelly Marks of
4 Homewood School District 153 on receiving the 2011 Thomas Lay
5 Burroughs Award; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
7 selected Shelly Marks of Homewood School District 153 as the
8 2011 recipient of the Thomas Lay Burroughs Award, which
9 annually honors an outstanding school board president in
10 Illinois; she has served 9 years as president of the Homewood
11 153 Board of Education and 19 years total on the board; and

12 WHEREAS, Homewood District 153 has faced increased
13 financial stresses in recent years; Shelly Marks and the school
14 board are credited with prioritizing assets for high quality
15 staff and educational interventions, which have made an impact
16 on student learning; on the 2011 ISATs, 90% of students in the
17 district met or exceeded State standards in math and 86% of
18 students met or exceeded the standards in reading, despite
19 spending less per pupil than the State average; and

20 WHEREAS, Homewood District 153 has also managed to cut its
21 achievement gap in half since 2006; Shelly Marks has been
22 specifically applauded for advocating early childhood

1 education as a means to level the educational playing field for
2 every student; she is also credited with implementing a
3 successful district-wide diversity program called Homewood
4 SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity); and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education created the
6 award for school board presidents in 1991 to honor Thomas Lay
7 Burroughs, who served as chairman of the State Board of
8 Education and the Board of Education for the Collinsville
9 School District; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Shelly Marks on receiving this award and wish
13 her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Shelly Marks as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.