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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Dorolyn
4 Academy of Music and Dr. Dorothy L. Bounds on the occasion of
5 the 30th anniversary of its founding on October 20, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, The Dorolyn Academy of Music will celebrate its
7 anniversary at the Center for the Performing Arts at Dorolyn,
8 in Oak Park; the event will be hosted by Dr. Quincy L. Johnson,
9 D.D.S.; and

10 WHEREAS, The Dorolyn Academy of Music was founded on
11 September 24, 1982; it has countless reasons to celebrate its
12 30 years of service, but the academy is most proud of the vital
13 role it has played in nurturing and developing the artistic
14 gifts of thousands of children and youth across the Chicago
15 area, many of whom now enjoy successful careers in the music
16 industry; and

17 WHEREAS, The Dorolyn Academy of Music provides technique
18 and performance curriculum in voice, piano, organ, percussion,
19 woodwind and brass instruments, guitar, dance, and theater
20 performance to the communities of Oak Park, River Forest,
21 Forest Park, and other parts of the Chicago area; and

1 WHEREAS, The Dorolyn Academy of Music is the recipient of
2 the State of Illinois Treasurer's Award, in recognition of
3 outstanding dedication and commitment to the African-American
4 communities of Illinois, the Oak Park Development Corporation
5 Nicholas Award for Community Commitment, and the Oak Park Area
6 Arts Council Best of the Class Award for Community Outreach;
7 the academy has been commended by the Rotary Club of Oak Park
8 and River Forest for its commitment to community service; it is
9 an active member of the Oak Park Area Arts Council and the Oak
10 Park River Forest Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, The Dorolyn Academy of Music is helmed by Dr.
12 Dorothy L. Bounds, a gifted and compassionate leader who brings
13 over 50 years of performing arts experience; her vision was to
14 establish a one-of-a-kind music institution, with professional
15 instructors who would capture and catapult the curiosity of
16 children and youth who chose to explore the world of music, all
17 at minimal-to-no-cost; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy L. Bounds has degrees and honors from
19 McKinley Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi; she is a
20 recipient of the Outstanding Business Woman of the Year from
21 Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Alpha Lambda Chapter, Chicago;
22 she received the Outstanding African-American Woman of the Year
23 Award, presented by "We Women" Western Chicago Area; she has
24 been profiled by Channel 7 network and Harry Porterfield as

1 "Someone You Should Know"; she is listed in Who's Who in
2 Professional and Executive Women; she is an Athena Award
3 nominee for outstanding support of the Goals for Professional
4 Women by Oak park's 19th Century Women's Club and a nominee for
5 the board of directors of the Oak Park Chamber of Commerce; she
6 has been Entrepreneur of the Year for Illinois and Northwest
7 Indiana, received The Jefferson Award from NBC Channel 5, and
8 received special recognition from the City of Chicago and Mayor
9 Richard J. Daley for outstanding contributions and years of
10 service to the Chicago area; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate The Dorolyn Academy of Music and Dr. Dorothy L.
14 Bounds on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding
15 of Dorolyn Academy; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Dr. Bounds and The Dorolyn Academy as an
18 expression of our esteem and respect.