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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate St. John of the
4 Cross Parish School for receiving the 2012 U.S. Department of
5 Education National Blue Ribbon School Award; and

6 WHEREAS, St. John of the Cross Parish School is a Catholic
7 school located in Western Springs; the principal is Kathleen
8 Gorman and the pastor, Rev. David P. Dowdle; its assistant
9 principals are Zita Wheeler and Tom Clausing; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was
11 established in 1982 to recognize public and private schools
12 boasting high or significantly improved achievement; the
13 program's goal is to identify attributes of thriving American
14 schools and to replicate their success in other schools; St
15 John's is one of only 50 private schools across the Nation to
16 be named a National Blue Ribbon School this year; and

17 WHEREAS, St. John of the Cross Parish School provides a
18 safe and dynamic Catholic environment where faith is nourished
19 and knowledge grows; it was founded in 1961 and has maintained
20 a strong Catholic identity and strong academics throughout its
21 history; it celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011; it has
22 become one of the largest Catholic schools in Chicago's

1 Archdiocese; and

2 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School Award recognizes
3 the time and hard work of teachers and students, as well as the
4 critical support and involvement of the students' parents and
5 the entire parish community; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we celebrate and honor St. John of the Cross Parish School on
9 receiving the 2012 U.S. Department of Education National Blue
10 Ribbon School Award; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to St. John of the Cross Parish School as an
13 expression of our respect and esteem.