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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The organization "For Inspiration and Recognition
3 of Science and Technology (FIRST)" was founded by the inventor,
4 entrepreneur, and tireless advocate for science and
5 technology, Dean Kamen; and

6 WHEREAS, FIRST is an organization dedicated to motivating
7 the next generation to understand, use, and enjoy science and
8 technology; and

9 WHEREAS, The internationally-known LEGO Company entered an
10 alliance with FIRST to form the FIRST LEGO League
11 International; and

12 WHEREAS, The FIRST LEGO League is an international program
13 for children which combines a hands-on, interactive robotics
14 program with a sports-like atmosphere; and

15 WHEREAS, The FIRST LEGO League International introduces
16 children in elementary and middle schools around the world to
17 the fun and experience of solving real-world problems by
18 applying math, science, and technology; and

19 WHEREAS, The Mount Prospect Lincoln Middle School FIRST
20 LEGO League team, known as the "Century Strikers", designed,

1 built, and programmed an autonomous robot out of LEGO products;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Middle School Century Strikers
4 advanced through the Region "B" State Qualifying Tournament by
5 having the top score of 370 points; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Middle School Century Strikers went on
7 to win the Illinois Championship Tournament, being judged the
8 most outstanding team in the State from a field of 362 teams;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Middle School Century Strikers will be
11 representing the State of Illinois at the FIRST LEGO League
12 World Festival in St. Louis and will be competing against 84 of
13 the best teams from around the world; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate the members of the Lincoln Middle School
17 Century Strikers team on their success in winning the FIRST
18 LEGO League State Championship; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we wish the team much continued success as
20 it represents our great State and competes in this year's FIRST
21 LEGO League World Championships.