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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the school's founding; and

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WHEREAS, In 1838, Senator Orville H. Browning from Quincy was so impressed by a fellow steamboat traveler, an educated deaf man from Kentucky, that he decided to propose legislation to establish a school that would give educational opportunities for the deaf citizens of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Browning enlisted the support of State Representative Abraham Lincoln for passage in the Illinois House of Representatives; on February 23, 1839, Governor Thomas Carlin signed Browning's bill creating the Illinois Asylum for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb; in 1903, the school's name was changed to the Illinois School for the Deaf; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Illinois School of the Deaf has grown considerably; on the day that the school opened, there was a humble enrollment of 2 students, with 14 students the following year; today, it serves an impressive 253 students throughout the various programs that are offered; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf is recognized as  
2 a valuable community asset and has gained a prestigious  
3 reputation in the State as a premier institution for the deaf  
4 and those hard of hearing; and

5           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf has done an  
6 extraordinary job in accomplishing its mission to educate  
7 students who are deaf and hard of hearing to become  
8 responsible, self-supporting citizens; and

9           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf has shown  
10 exemplary leadership with the students in helping them achieve  
11 their highest academic and social potential through their  
12 instructional, residential, and recreational programs and  
13 related support services; and

14           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf empowers students  
15 to explore technological trends and employment opportunities  
16 for the future, while also providing a safe, healthy, and  
17 respectful learning, living, and working environment; and

18           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf offers an  
19 extraordinarily supportive and caring atmosphere in order for  
20 its students to develop positive self-esteem and skills  
21 necessary to be successful in an ever-changing world; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf's 175th  
2 anniversary celebration will take place on February 22, 2014 at  
3 the Jacksonville Country Club; the celebration will include  
4 dinner and a live performance honoring the founding of the  
5 school; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the Illinois School for the Deaf on its 175th  
9 anniversary and wish the school's administration and faculty  
10 many more years of success in the future; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Illinois School for the Deaf as an expression  
13 of our esteem and respect.