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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to applaud the Lovely LEGO Ladies robotics team from Crystal Lake Community School District 47 on successfully competing in the LEGOLAND North American Open championship and receiving the "Rising Star Award"; and

WHEREAS, The Lovely LEGO Ladies team is made up of an all-girl group of fifth graders from Husmann Elementary School in Crystal Lake and West Lake Christian Academy in Grayslake; and

WHEREAS, The team, including Maddie Dennis, Molly Wacaser, Allie Klauser, Sammie Stebbings, and Jocelyn Nieze, concluded its first year of contention in the competition by qualifying for the North American championships; and

WHEREAS, The LEGOLAND North American Open competitions, held in Carlsbad, California, consist of 4 elements: (i) a research project presentation, (ii) a team-building activity, (iii) a robot design presentation, and (iv) a session where the robot designed is programmed to move around a board to complete as many missions as possible in two and a half minutes; and

WHEREAS, The LEGOLAND North American Open competitions

1 included a total of 78 teams, with only 17 reaching the later
2 stages; the Lovely LEGO Ladies team belonged to the FIRST LEGO
3 League, which is designed to introduce kids in fourth through
4 eighth grade to the science, technology, engineering, and
5 mathematics fields; each competing team works to program an
6 autonomous robot to score points on a playing field; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lovely LEGO Ladies are coached by parents
8 Taryn and Ken Stebbings, who came up with the idea for a
9 robotics league after they heard about the success of Fruit
10 Salad, another all-girls robotics team from Crystal Lake; and

11 WHEREAS, Apart from receiving such high marks and merits
12 for their extraordinary work in the field of science and
13 technology, the young girls earned much more than a trophy;
14 coach Taryn Stebbings stated, "Not only have [the girls]
15 learned about designing and programming a robot, but they have
16 learned public speaking skills, problem-solving skills, and
17 time and stress-management skills"; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 commend the praiseworthy and superb successes of the Lovely
21 LEGO Ladies robotics team from the Crystal Lake Community
22 School District 47 for their impressive feat and wish them
23 continued success in their future academic studies and

1 competitions; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the members of the Lovely LEGO Ladies and coaches
4 Taryn and Ken Stebbings as a symbol of our sincere praise and
5 appreciation.