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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Laurette Kittler on the occasion of being inducted into St. Benedict School's Hall of Fame on October 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Laurette Kittler was born on December 17, 1928 in Chicago; before finding her way into education, she studied and traveled as an actress, working in various companies and sharing the stage with the likes of Harvey Korman and Celeste Holm; she eventually met her life partner, Emil Kittler, whom she married in 1952; the couple had one daughter, Emily, who took part in several of her mother's shows; and

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WHEREAS, After many years as an actress, she decided that the difficult life of a thespian was not the direction she wanted to take; her father then encouraged her to go back to school and teach; in the spring of 1959, while teaching at St. Gregory on Chicago's north side, she was asked to direct a play at St. Benedict High School that was already in production; the following school year, she was hired to teach and direct at St. Benedict; and

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WHEREAS, From the 1950s to the mid-1990s, Laurette Kittler directed countless productions and taught thousands of

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1 students; she also inspired them to be better people; by
2 marrying her love of theater with her love of teaching, she
3 taught her drama students not only to act and "project", but
4 also learn the vital skills of teamwork, dedication, and a
5 professional attitude that makes one successful in life; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, Laurette Kittler made her way
7 to southern California, where she acted in a local troupe for
8 many years; and

9 WHEREAS, In honor of Laurette Kittler's induction into the
10 St. Benedict Hall of Fame, a scholarship to a high school drama
11 student will be presented in her name; and

12 WHEREAS, Laurette Kittler serves as a model of hard work,
13 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
14 Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Laurette Kittler on the occasion of being inducted
18 into St. Benedict School's Hall of Fame and wish her continued
19 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Laurette Kittler as a symbol of our esteem and

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1 respect.