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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the administration,
4 teachers, and students of Longfellow Elementary School on the
5 occasion of the school's designation as a National Blue Ribbon
6 School by the United States Department of Education; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
8 recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high
9 schools where students either achieve high learning standards
10 or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement
11 gap; and

12 WHEREAS, Longfellow Elementary School was recognized in
13 the category of Exemplary High Performing Schools, which are
14 among the State's highest performing schools as measured by
15 State assessments or national tests; the category also
16 recognizes the highest levels of student subgroup performance
17 and high school graduation rates; and

18 WHEREAS, Longfellow Elementary School touts its small
19 class sizes and has just 4 classrooms at each grade level from
20 kindergarten to fifth grade, with an average of 23 students per
21 class; the school serves about 400 students and has a program
22 for English Language Learners, with 47 identified ELL students

1 speaking about 10 different languages or 19 home languages; the
2 school also has a full-time reading specialist and a part-time
3 reading teacher available to teach at-risk students in small
4 groups and has one of the district's largest gifted programs,
5 which teaches 46 intermediate students in reading and math; and

6 WHEREAS, Longfellow Elementary School will be officially
7 recognized at a ceremony on November 9-10, 2015 in Washington,
8 D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, The administration, teachers, and students of
10 Longfellow Elementary School serve as models of hard work,
11 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
12 Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate the administration, teachers, and students of
16 Longfellow Elementary School on the occasion of the school's
17 designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United
18 States Department of Education and wish them continued success
19 and happiness in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Longfellow Elementary School as a symbol of our
22 esteem and respect.