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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Edna  
4 Rowery-Allen on the occasion of the establishment of an  
5 educational scholarship for high school students in her name;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen, a lifelong resident of East  
8 St. Louis, has been an influential, inspirational, and  
9 exceptional pillar in the development and the implementation of  
10 gifted education in East St. Louis School District 189; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen has worked tirelessly with  
12 other educators in School District 189 to provide an  
13 educational environment that would meet the needs of gifted  
14 students; what was formerly a pull-out program became the  
15 avenue utilized for meeting those needs; and

16           WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her educational career,  
17 Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen has promoted the importance of a  
18 differentiated curriculum for students who were identified for  
19 participation in the gifted program; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen has dedicated a lifetime of  
21 service to advocating for the welfare of gifted students at the

1 State and local levels; to accomplish this, she solicited the  
2 support of State legislators, the Illinois State Board of  
3 Education, the East St. Louis Board of Education, and District  
4 Administrators to approve the implementation of self-contained  
5 gifted classrooms for grades one through three, which were  
6 created at the Martin Van Lucas Elementary School in 1980; the  
7 success of the first three classes led to the creation of three  
8 additional classes at the elementary level; the self-contained  
9 classroom concept was later implemented at the middle school  
10 and high school levels in School District 189; and

11 WHEREAS, The success of the self-contained classroom  
12 concept became evident in 1989 when the East St. Louis School  
13 Board voted to rename A. M. Jackson Elementary School as the A.  
14 M. Jackson Math and Science Academy; six classes at Lucas  
15 Elementary School, grades one through eight, moved into the new  
16 site at the A. M. Jackson Math and Science Academy; and

17 WHEREAS, The great success of Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen is  
18 based on the solid foundation instilled in her by her parents,  
19 her commitment to her husband, children, grandchildren, and  
20 great-grandchildren, and her faith; she is well-known  
21 throughout School District 189 for her loving heart, her kind  
22 spirit, and her willingness to give so much of herself to the  
23 boys and girls of the school district and the community she  
24 serves; and

1           WHEREAS, The Edna Rowery-Allen Scholarship has been  
2 established in honor of her work in School District 189; the  
3 scholarship will be awarded annually to high school graduates  
4 in School District 189 who demonstrate outstanding leadership  
5 and academic abilities; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen on the occasion of the  
9 establishment of an educational scholarship for high school  
10 students in her name and thank her for her work in the  
11 community; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Dr. Edna Rowery-Allen as a symbol of our esteem  
14 and respect.