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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Queen of All 4 Saints Parent Association (QASPA) on being honored with the 5 2013 Distinguished Home and School Association by the National Catholic Educational Association; and 6

WHEREAS, The award is presented each year to honor home and school associations of Catholic schools and parishes across the United States for creating outstanding programs that enhance the life of the school and parish community; and

WHEREAS, The QASPA was nominated for its work in promoting parish Mass attendance through the Grade Level Mass Program; participating students are invited to take part in a variety of activities to engage them in the liturgy, before, during, and after the Mass; students participate as cantors, lectors, and choir members, and all participants are prepared by their families with service activities, devotional projects, and other projects connected to the season or theme of the liturgy; and

WHEREAS, The Queen of All Saints parish Mass attendance has noticeably increased with the establishment of the Grade Level Mass program; refreshments and hospitality gatherings after

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- 1 Grade Level Masses are well-attended; these socials build
- 2 community and increase interaction between school and
- 3 religious education families; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The QASPA will receive the 2013 Distinguished Home
- 5 and School Association Award at a banquet held during the
- 6 annual convention of the National Catholic Educational
- 7 Association during Easter week 2013 in Houston, Texas;
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 11 we congratulate the Queen of All Saints Parent Association on
- 12 being honored with the 2013 Distinguished Home and School
- 13 Association by the National Catholic Educational Association;
- 14 and be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 16 presented to the Queen of All Saints Parent Association as an
- 17 expression of our esteem and respect.