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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Leyden Community High
4 School District 212 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Leyden Community High School District 212 serves
7 the residents of the Village of Franklin Park, the Village of
8 Melrose Park, the Village of Northlake, the Village of River
9 Grove, the Village of Rosemont, the Village of Schiller Park,
10 and Leyden Township; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the story of Leyden
12 Community High School District 212 has been one of constant
13 expansion and progress; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1913, a two-year high school was started in a
15 portable building, and by 1918, there were 20 students
16 enrolled; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1924, Leyden Community High School was
18 organized as Leyden Community High School District 212, and in
19 1927, a 16-room building was completed; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1930, Leyden Community High School District

1 212's population was 4,000 with 246 high school students; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1940, Leyden Community High School District
3 212's population grew to 10,000 with 600 high school students;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 1950, rapid post-war growth brought Leyden
6 Community High School District 212's population up to 45,000
7 with 1,100 high school students; and

8 WHEREAS, From 1954 to 1955, over 60% of East Leyden High
9 School's construction was completed; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1957, West Leyden High School's construction
11 began, and the school opened its doors to welcome freshmen and
12 sophomore students on September 8, 1959, relieving
13 overcrowding at East Leyden High School; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1962, West Leyden High School celebrated its
15 first graduating class; and

16 WHEREAS, From 1965 to 1969, West Leyden High School housed
17 Triton Junior College; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1972, East Leyden High School gained a
19 three-story addition, housing the media center, the social

1 studies department, and EL support; and

2 WHEREAS, From 1974 to 1975, Leyden Community High School
3 District 212 celebrated "Fifty Years of Excellence"; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1977, Leyden Community High School District
5 212 won state championships in wrestling and football; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1981, Leyden Community High School District
7 212 combined its schools' athletic and fine arts programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Leyden Community High School District 212's two
9 schools enjoy the highest accreditation given by the AdvancED
10 and the Educational Service Region of Cook County, and during
11 the 1983-1984 school year, East Leyden High School was
12 recognized as one of the State's finest high schools; and

13 WHEREAS, During the 1984-1985 school year, both East
14 Leyden and West Leyden High Schools were recognized by the
15 U.S. Department of Education and then-U.S. President Ronald
16 Reagan as Blue Ribbon Schools; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2010, Leyden Community High School District
18 212 achieved district accreditation status due to its
19 commitment to continuous improvement and was once again
20 awarded district accreditation due in part to it promoting

1 genuine care and concern for students, creating a pervasive
2 culture of trust and personal bonds between staff and
3 students; and

4 WHEREAS, During the 2012-2013 school year, all Leyden
5 Community High School District 212 students received a
6 computer as an instructional tool to foster an environment of
7 critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and
8 creativity; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2014, Leyden Community High School District
10 212 was recognized by the College Board as the National
11 Advanced Placement School of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2015, Leyden Community High School District
13 212 was selected as one of three school districts in the State
14 of Illinois to pilot e-learning days; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2016, Leyden Community High School District
16 212 updated its mission and vision statement, gaining the term
17 "Educate, Enrich, and Empower: Students and Communities" as
18 its mission and the Board of Education's vision of "Doing
19 what's best for the kids" as its motto; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 18, 2017, West Leyden High School broke
21 ground on its \$35 million construction project, and on March

1 15, 2018, East Leyden High School broke ground on its \$55
2 million project to provide for additional classrooms, student
3 common spaces, renovated cafeterias, and more; and

4 WHEREAS, Leyden Community High School District 212's
5 schools are steeped in excellence, tradition, diversity, and
6 opportunity, and they currently have approximately 3,600
7 students and 237 teachers, of whom 82% hold master's degrees
8 or higher; and

9 WHEREAS, Leyden Community High School District 212 offers
10 something for every student through its wide range of gifted
11 education programs, honors and advanced placement courses, and
12 comprehensive vocational and career education programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Leyden Community High School District 212
14 students also have the opportunity to participate in 29
15 interscholastic sports and over 100 clubs and activities; and

16 WHEREAS, By constantly upgrading its curriculum, programs,
17 resources, and supports and by working in partnership with
18 students, parents, and the Leyden community, Leyden Community
19 High School District 212 will continue to create a positive
20 learning environment consistent with the district's mission
21 statement, "Educate, Enrich, Empower: Students and
22 Communities"; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Leyden Community High School District 212 on
4 the official celebration of its 100th anniversary; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Nick Polyak, the Superintendent of Leyden
8 Community High School District 212, as an expression of our
9 esteem and respect.