



HR0065

LRB104 10533 ECR 20609 r

1 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 City 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.