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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2        WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3        Representatives wish to congratulate Belle Valley School  
4        District 119 on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

5        WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119 was established  
6        in Belleville to promote educational excellence and to foster  
7        the growth and development of students in the community; and

8        WHEREAS, The mission of Belle Valley School District 119,  
9        "We AIM High, Achieving Important Milestones", embodies its  
10       core values of academic excellence through fostering a love of  
11       learning and providing the necessary tools for students to  
12       achieve, integrity and kindness through encouraging honesty,  
13       respect, and compassion everyday, and mindful growth through  
14       supporting emotional and social development of students while  
15       building confidence and resilience; and

16       WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119's first school  
17       was built as a one-room, red brick building on Green Mount Lane  
18       in 1850, and this structure served students until a cyclone  
19       damaged its roof in 1896 and was subsequently demolished in  
20       1906; and

21       WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119's second school,

1 another one-room, brick schoolhouse that was heated by a  
2 potbelly stove, was built near the Belle Valley Coal Company  
3 on Mascoutah Road around 1870, and it remained in use until  
4 1950; and

5 WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119's third school  
6 building was constructed at 1901 Mascoutah Road in 1951,  
7 undergoing several expansions to meet the needs of a growing  
8 student population in 1959, 1961, 1967, and 1969; around the  
9 same time, the school district added another campus at 100  
10 Andora Drive in 1967; and

11 WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119 unveiled its  
12 newest campus at 2465 Amann Drive with an open house to welcome  
13 students, parents, staff, and community members on January 7,  
14 2012, with this modern facility being built to replace the  
15 previous campuses due to mine subsidence at Belle Valley North  
16 and structural concerns at Belle Valley South; and

17 WHEREAS, For a century and a half, Belle Valley School  
18 District 119 has adapted to the evolving needs of its students  
19 and the world around it while remaining steadfast in its  
20 mission to educate, grow, and inspire; and

21 WHEREAS, The 150th anniversary of Belle Valley School  
22 District 119 presents a meaningful opportunity to honor and

1 reflect on the many generations of students, educators,  
2 administrators, and community members who have contributed to  
3 its proud legacy of and ongoing commitment to educational  
4 excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, Belle Valley School District 119 will celebrate  
6 its 150th anniversary on October 4, 2025; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Belle Valley School District 119 on achieving  
10 its 150th anniversary and its enduring contributions to  
11 education and community.