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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Felix Saji on being named to
4 the Curriculum Associates 2026 Class of Extraordinary
5 Educators; and

6 WHEREAS, Now in its seventh year, the Curriculum
7 Associates Extraordinary Educators program recognizes and
8 celebrates dedicated educators who teach with a focus on
9 providing high-quality instruction while achieving student
10 success; and

11 WHEREAS, Felix Saji, a fourth grade teacher at John V.
12 Leigh School of Norridge School District 80, has made an
13 outstanding professional effort towards improving the
14 education and lives of students in his classroom during his
15 eight-year tenure at the school; and

16 WHEREAS, Felix Saji has been teaching the i-Ready
17 curriculum in math for the last six years and the magnetic
18 reading curriculum for the last three years; his classroom
19 teaching has demonstrated consistent, best-in-class use of
20 i-Ready tools, including using data to drive learning,
21 creating inclusive learning environments, and encouraging
22 ongoing professional development; and

1 WHEREAS, As a member of the Curriculum Associates 2026
2 Class of Extraordinary Educators, Felix Saji is one of 26
3 educators selected from 32 states for exhibiting instructional
4 excellence and a deep commitment to student growth and
5 achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, Through this honor, Felix Saji has earned the
7 opportunity for ongoing professional learning and networking
8 opportunities to help him continue to develop his expertise;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Felix Saji received his bachelor's degree in
11 elementary education with endorsements in mathematics and
12 middle grades from the University of Illinois Chicago; he also
13 earned two master's degrees, one in teaching and learning with
14 endorsements in ESL and TESOL and one in leadership with
15 endorsements in principal leadership and teacher leader, from
16 the University of St. Francis; and

17 WHEREAS, Felix Saji has received a number of accolades
18 during his teaching career, including being named a 2014
19 Golden Apple Scholar and a 2023 Crystal Apple Award recipient;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we commend Felix Saji, a fourth grade teacher at John V. Leigh
3 School, on being named to the Curriculum Associates 2026 Class
4 of Extraordinary Educators and for his continued extraordinary
5 efforts in and out of the classroom; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Felix Saji as a symbol of our esteem and respect.