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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mira Weber on her 4 impressive tenure as principal at Agassiz Elementary School; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mira Weber began her teaching career in 1999 as a 7 special education teacher in Chicago; in January 2000, she 8 transferred to Agassiz Elementary School, where she spent the 9 next six years, three teaching special education students in 10 middle school and then three teaching general education primary age students; she completed her principal residency 11 with LAUNCH (Leadership Academy and Urban Network Chicago) and 12 13 became the principal at Agassiz Elementary School; and

14 WHEREAS, During her time as principal of Agassiz 15 Elementary School, Mira Weber has doubled its enrollment, 16 maintained a diverse student body, served families from over 17 40 Chicagoland zip codes, completed over seven million dollars 18 in capital renovations, and gained authorization as an IB 19 World School PreK-8th, one of only nine in CPS; and

20 WHEREAS, Through Mira Webers's leadership, Agassiz 21 Elementary School became the first CPS school to address its 22 namesake's history of racism through a student-based inquiry HR0389 -2- LRB102 18830 MST 27539 r process; she spearheaded a campaign to rename the school after someone who would offer inspiration to the students and community; after taking into account student, parent, and staff opinions, the school is in transition to become Harriet Tubman School; and

6 WHEREAS, Mira Weber grew up in Minnesota and was the 7 oldest child of three; her siblings have multiple disabilities 8 that heavily impacted their education and educational 9 experiences, and it was through them and through watching her 10 parents advocate for them that the foundation for her belief 11 in the rights and high expectations for all children was 12 formed; and

13 WHEREAS, Mira Weber has two boys of her own, ages 9 and 10, 14 who attend Agassiz Elementary school, and she will forever be 15 invested in her community; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 18 we congratulate Mira Weber on her impressive tenure as 19 principal at Agassiz Elementary School, and we wish her the 20 best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 22 presented to Mira Weber as a symbol of our respect and esteem.