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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Briana Morales on being named the 2023 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE); and

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WHEREAS, In the seventh grade, one of Briana Morales's teachers taught her coping skills and how to process pain through writing poetry, which inspired her to pursue a career in education; and

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WHEREAS, Briana Morales received her Bachelor of Arts in English Teacher Education from St. Ambrose University and her Master of Education from the American College of Education; she is currently working on completing her Doctor of Education through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Briana Morales has taught at the Gordon Bush Alternative Center in East St. Louis School District 189 since 2018, inspiring her students while leading instruction in English and African American literature; and

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WHEREAS, Briana Morales serves as a national senior research fellow with Teach Plus, where she focuses on advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion for students; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2019, Briana Morales co-directed a student-led
2 initiative to teach nonviolence principles to youth in the
3 Orr-Weathers housing development, supporting her teen leaders
4 to earn a national certification as Peace Warriors; and

5 WHEREAS, Briana Morales is an active member of her
6 community and a caring foster parent to a 16 year old;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Briana Morales on being named the 2023
11 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of
12 Education (ISBE); and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Briana Morales as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.