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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Principal Karen Calloway  
4 of Kenwood Academy on the occasion of her receiving the  
5 prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The Golden Apple Awards, sponsored by the Golden  
8 Apple Foundation, honor excellence in teaching and school  
9 leadership; and

10           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway was one of two school principals  
11 selected to receive The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in  
12 Leadership in the State of Illinois out of 130 nominations;  
13 her award includes a \$5,000 award for her use and an additional  
14 \$5,000 for a project of her choosing to benefit Kenwood  
15 Academy; and

16           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway, a lifelong resident of Chicago's  
17 south side, graduated from Lindblom Technical High School; she  
18 earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Lewis  
19 University; she continued her studies at Lewis University and  
20 now holds master's degrees in both psychology and education  
21 administration; and

1           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway has worked at Kenwood Academy for  
2 more than two decades, beginning as a guidance counselor in  
3 2001; she held several other positions at the school,  
4 including assistant principal, before accepting the position  
5 of principal in July 2018; and

6           WHEREAS, During her tenure at Kenwood Academy, Karen  
7 Calloway has led her team in building systems and processes to  
8 have a nurturing and encouraging student culture; she has also  
9 been responsible for building and expanding the Kenwood  
10 Academy National College Tour Calendar, exposing students to  
11 college and universities throughout the country; and

12           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway has been nominated and received  
13 several awards for her work in education, including being  
14 named a Drive Award finalist, a 2005 Suave Award finalist, a  
15 2006 Suave Award winner, the 2011 Alpha Kappa Alpha Educator  
16 of the Year, and the 2012 Distinguished Educator by Lewis  
17 University; and

18           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway possesses an innate and genuine  
19 desire to nurture, encourage, and build student leaders; she  
20 is extremely passionate about developing students, motivating  
21 them both to discover their value and to claim their place as  
22 college-bound scholars; and

1           WHEREAS, Karen Calloway has stated her intent to continue  
2 working at Kenwood Academy; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate Principal Karen Calloway on receiving the  
6 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership, and we  
7 commend her for her dedication to the students, community, and  
8 staff; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Karen Calloway as an expression of our esteem and  
11 respect.