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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff,
4 students, and faculty of Oakland Elementary School in Antioch
5 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the school; and

6 WHEREAS, Oakland Elementary School opened in 1958 and only
7 10 of the 17 classrooms were open; Oakland has educated a
8 half-century's worth of students on what was once farmland
9 between Antioch and Lake Villa; and

10 WHEREAS, The office was updated six years ago, and in 1978
11 a library was added, as well as a science room and a teacher's
12 lounge; and

13 WHEREAS, The modern-day Oakland building sits on property
14 that has housed a school since 1910, when a wood-frame
15 classroom opened its doors; the original facility was replaced
16 by a 30-by-40-foot brick structure in 1921, before the current
17 building was constructed; when the building opened as a
18 kindergarten-8th grade facility the week after Labor Day in
19 1958, it featured nine faculty members, and its eighth grade
20 class numbered 17 students; and

21 WHEREAS, The school is now a 2nd-5th grade school; there

1 are currently 40 members of the staff, and 500 students require
2 the auxiliary use of four portable classroom units; and

3 WHEREAS, Longtime staff members include Carol Forrest, who
4 has worked in the office for 25 years, and cafeteria worker
5 Clara Svoboda, who has worked at the school for 39 years;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate the staff, students, faculty, and all those who
10 have fond memories of Oakland Elementary School on this
11 momentous occasion; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Oakland Elementary School Principal Kerstin
14 Santarelli as a symbol of our respect.