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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sister M. Nicholas
4 Tosseng on the occasion of her 60th anniversary of service with
5 the educational ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis; and

6 WHEREAS, Sister M. Nicholas Tosseng was born in Chicago;
7 she is one of the 4 children of the late Helen and Nicholas
8 Tosseng; and

9 WHEREAS, Sister Nicholas attended St. Francis de Sales
10 Grade School and High School in Chicago before entering the
11 Sisters of St. Francis; she earned her bachelor's degree from
12 the College of St. Francis (now University of St. Francis) in
13 Joliet; and

14 WHEREAS, Sister Nicholas began her educational ministry in
15 1950 as a 4th grade teacher at St. Joseph's School in Joliet;
16 for most of her 37 years in the classroom, she taught the
17 middle grades at schools such as St. Francis of Assisi, St.
18 Francis de Sales, Assumption, and St. Ludmilla in Chicago; she
19 also ministered at St. Stephen in Streator, St. Joseph's in
20 Elgin, and St. Rita of Cascia in Aurora; and

21 WHEREAS, While teaching in Assumption School, Sister

1 Nicholas was asked to go to Cook County Jail and tend to church
2 supplies; this turned into a commitment that lasted nearly 22
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1987, Sister Nicholas began her ministry as
5 Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper at St. Tarcissus Parish, where
6 she remained until her retirement in February of 2009; she
7 continues to serve the parish as a Eucharistic minister, and by
8 visiting the sick, unlocking the church at 5:45 A.M., sewing
9 baptismal bibs for the parish baptisms, preparing meals for
10 those in need, and collecting unused Christmas cards and
11 calendars for the incarcerated at Kolbe House; and

12 WHEREAS, Sister Nicholas enjoys cooking and baking and
13 enjoys giving her baked goods to the many people she helps on a
14 daily basis; and

15 WHEREAS, Sister Nicholas serves as a model of hard work,
16 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
17 Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Sister M. Nicholas Tosseng on the occasion of her
21 60th anniversary of service with the educational ministry of
22 the Sisters of St. Francis and wish her continued success and

1 happiness in the future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Sister M. Nicholas Tosseng as a symbol of our
4 esteem and respect.