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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States consistently ranks among the
3 lowest performing educational systems, especially in the
4 subjects of math and science; one brilliant high school teacher
5 is combating these statistics, one life at a time; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher has been teaching at Rochester High
7 School for 24 years, following 14 years of work at the St.
8 John's Hospital Laboratory; and

9 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher continues to inspire hundreds of
10 young minds with his hands-on approach to the subjects of
11 physics and mathematics, always utilizing engaging and
12 creative teaching methods; and

13 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher's devotion has been formally
14 recognized through being designated as The Voice Top Teacher of
15 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher serves as both friend and mentor to
17 his students, from stopping kids in the hallway to shake their
18 hand and wish them a good day to tutoring students, whether
19 they were enrolled in his classes or not, and always giving
20 college advice; and

1 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher has encouraged every young person he
2 encountered to follow his or her dreams, often cutting out
3 newspaper articles and asking students to sign them for when
4 they become famous; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher is clearly an exemplary teacher,
6 always going above and beyond in his dedication to students; he
7 invests his wisdom and encouragement in the next generation,
8 even on weekends; and

9 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher also helped craft Rochester's dual
10 credit program, where students can save essential money and
11 time before entering higher education programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Mark Butcher has lived his life as a Christian man
13 who has raised his children, and treated every other child,
14 with these very same values, obtaining the greatest respect of
15 students and staff alike; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 join in honoring the tremendous legacy of Mark Butcher, who
19 recognizes and contributes to the unique potential of every
20 young life he encounters; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we thank Mark Butcher's wife, Brenda

1 Butcher, and his children, Ben, Jonathon, Matt, and Bonnie, for
2 so graciously sharing him with the Rochester community; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Mark Butcher as a symbol of our esteem and
6 respect.