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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Lincoln School in  
4 Spring Valley on the occasion of its 70th anniversary on June  
5 1, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, Lincoln School opened its doors for the first time  
7 in 1937; the first principal was Matilda Harmon, the school  
8 secretary was Frank Sharkey, the superintendent was James  
9 Nesti, and the school board president was Charles VanSchaicik;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Lincoln School has experienced several changes  
12 over the last 70 years; the original school consisted of eight  
13 classrooms, two offices, and a lunchroom; the remainder of the  
14 present day Lincoln School was added in 1956; a combination gym  
15 and cafeteria were added and the old cafeteria became the  
16 present stage; there were also three classrooms, an office for  
17 the secretary and principal, and two locker rooms added at this  
18 time; what was the original building now houses eight  
19 classrooms; the lunch room has become the stage and the  
20 principal and secretary's offices are now special services  
21 rooms; the 1956 addition now houses a combination gym and  
22 lunchroom, three classrooms, a physical education office, and  
23 the principal and secretary's office; the locker rooms of the

1 addition have been transformed into a teacher's lounge,  
2 library, and computer lab; and

3 WHEREAS, There have been many other changes over the past  
4 seventy years; the graduation class of 1938 had 29 students;  
5 everyone walked to school as there were no buses; there were no  
6 snow days and school was in session regardless of the weather;  
7 there was not a hot lunch program, so everyone brought a lunch  
8 and ate in the lunchroom or walked home to eat; there were no  
9 kindergarten or preschool classes; the original building  
10 housed grades one through eight, with one class per grade; and

11 WHEREAS, The current school has an enrollment of 220  
12 students; it serves an average of 120 student hot lunches and  
13 an average of 40 breakfasts everyday; the current building  
14 houses grades Pre-K through first; there are four sections of  
15 preschool and kindergarten and three sections of first grade;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The current principal is Kimberly Lisanby-Barber,  
18 the school secretary is Bobbi VanSchaick, the superintendent is  
19 Daniel Marendia, and the school board president is Ray Nolasco;  
20 Red Nestler, an original student of Lincoln School, is still at  
21 Lincoln School as a janitor; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 congratulate Lincoln School for celebrating its 70th  
3 anniversary; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the day of June 1, 2007 be declared Lincoln  
5 School's 70th Birthday Celebration Day in the State of  
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Lincoln School principal Kimberly Lisanby-Barber  
9 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.