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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kevin Rutter on the  
4 occasion of being named the 2009-10 Illinois Teacher of the  
5 Year by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

6           WHEREAS, Kevin Rutter earned his bachelor's degree from  
7 Eastern Illinois University and his master's degree in Urban  
8 Life Learning/Chicago Studies from Loyola University; and

9           WHEREAS, Kevin Rutter has served as a teacher for 11 years;  
10 he currently serves as an economics teacher and debate team  
11 coach at Carl Schurz High School in Chicago; and

12           WHEREAS, Kevin Rutter is well known by the administration,  
13 faculty, and students of Carl Schurz High School for his  
14 ability to communicate with teenagers, a skill he honed through  
15 his experiences as a middle child in his family; his skilled  
16 use of this trait helps foster a sense of trust in the  
17 classroom that helps his students better understand the course  
18 work; his teaching style also incorporates the use of  
19 multi-media and best-sellers, such as Freakonomics and The Flat  
20 World, and field trips in his daily lessons; and

21           WHEREAS, Kevin Rutter was chosen from 10 finalists at the

1 35th annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet in  
2 Peoria; as a Teacher of the Year winner, he will receive a  
3 lifetime tuition waiver to State universities and numerous  
4 products from SMARTer Kids; he will also will represent the  
5 State of Illinois at the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama  
6 and in the National Teacher of the Year program; and

7 WHEREAS, Kevin Rutter serves as a model of hard work,  
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate Kevin Rutter on the occasion of being named the  
13 2009-10 Illinois Teacher of the Year and wish him continued  
14 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Kevin Rutter as a symbol of our esteem and  
17 respect.