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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the
4 administration, teachers, and students of Timothy Christian
5 Schools on the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary in
6 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, The rich history of Timothy Christian Schools
8 began on April 16, 1907, when the first meeting for the purpose
9 of organizing a "Society of Christian Instruction" was held at
10 the home of F. Speckman; the Timothy Christian School was
11 officially opened on August 13, 1911, in a rented hall with an
12 enrollment of 60 pupils; in 1912, the first Timothy Christian
13 school building was built at 13th and Tripp Streets in Chicago;
14 in July of 1917, Timothy was fully accredited by the Chicago
15 Board of Education; in 1920, the society decided to join the
16 National Union of Christian Schools; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 1920s, Timothy Christian School began to
18 move west to the Cicero, Berwyn, and Oak Park areas; in 1927,
19 with the enrollment at 150 pupils, a new Timothy Christian
20 School was opened at 5900 West 14th Street in Cicero; in 1946,
21 the Ebenezer School merged with Timothy, increasing enrollment
22 by 116 pupils; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1951, Timothy Christian School was expanded to
2 include a high school; a building was constructed at 1225 60th
3 Court in Cicero to house both the high school and the junior
4 high; as enrollments continued to grow to the near-800 mark in
5 1956, expansion bulletins were again circulated to society
6 members; in 1962, a new high school was built at its present
7 location in Elmhurst; in 1965, a gymnasium, industrial arts,
8 and music wing were added to the high school; in 1962, Timothy
9 joined the Private School League for athletic competition and
10 the Illinois High School Association; in 1965, the school was
11 formally recognized by the State of Illinois; the high school
12 subsequently received accreditation from the North Central
13 Association in 1976; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1970, the building on 60th Court in Cicero was
15 sold and the junior high was moved to a new building on the
16 Elmhurst campus; in 1971, the Western Suburbs Christian School
17 was merged with Timothy, which resulted in two separate K-6
18 campuses; in 1972, the Society approved the construction of six
19 additional classrooms on the west side of the junior high
20 building; grades 1 through 6 from the Cicero building were
21 moved to this addition and the 59th Avenue building was sold;
22 the school continued to operate two grade schools until 1980,
23 when the school's east wing, consisting of the all-purpose
24 room, media center, and six classrooms, was added; in 1973, the
25 grade school was formally recognized by the State of Illinois;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Due to increased enrollments, the Society
3 approved an expansion program to both the grade school and the
4 high school in 1984; in the spring of 1985, the south wing,
5 consisting of a library-media learning center and six
6 classrooms, was added to the existing grade school building; in
7 the fall of 1985, a new fine arts wing and auditorium was
8 constructed at the high school; the school's most recent
9 capital expansion project added space to the elementary
10 building in 1995-1996; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Timothy Christian Schools has over 1,100
12 students in its K-12 program; the school remains dedicated to
13 its mission of "developing academically prepared Christian
14 disciples"; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1999, Timothy Christian Schools was named one
16 of 96 outstanding high schools in America by U.S. News and
17 World Report; and

18 WHEREAS, The Timothy Christian Schools community will
19 celebrate this milestone in its history throughout the
20 2011-2012 school year with numerous events, including a
21 campus-wide carnival on October 1, 2012 to kick off the
22 celebration and a gala dinner to be held at Chicago's Field

1 Museum in April of 2012; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate the administration, teachers, and students of
5 Timothy Christian Schools on the occasion of the school's 100th
6 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in
7 the future; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Matt Davidson, superintendent of Timothy
10 Christian Schools, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.