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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the students,
4 faculty, staff, and alumni of Benet Academy on the occasion of
5 the school's 125th anniversary on March 2, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Continuing a distinguished 1,500-year tradition
7 of the Order of St. Benedict and the Benedictines as educators,
8 St. Procopius College Academy was founded as a school for boys
9 by the Benedictine monks in the Pilsen area on the west side of
10 Chicago in 1887; in 1901, St. Procopius College Academy was
11 relocated to Lisle on what is now the Benedictine University
12 campus; Sacred Heart Academy, a school for young women, was
13 established in Lisle in 1926 by the Benedictine sisters of
14 Sacred Heart Monastery; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1956, St. Procopius College Academy was
16 relocated to the former St. Joseph Bohemian Orphanage property
17 (now the Benet Academy campus) and was renamed St. Procopius
18 Academy; in 1967, St. Procopius Academy and Sacred Heart
19 Academy were joined together by the monks of St. Procopius
20 Abbey and the sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery; this
21 co-educational school was named Benet Academy; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, Benet Academy continues to apply its

1 cherished Benedictine core values of community, hospitality,
2 respect, stewardship, and love of learning; and

3 WHEREAS, Benet Academy has established itself as one of the
4 top high schools in the State of Illinois for academic
5 achievement; in 1999, U.S. News and World Report, in
6 conjunction with the University of Chicago, found Benet Academy
7 to be one of the top 100 high schools in the nation for high
8 academic standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Benet Academy will celebrate the 125th
10 anniversary of its founding with a number of activities and
11 events throughout 2012 to honor and celebrate this very special
12 occasion; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of
16 Benet Academy on the occasion of the school's 125th anniversary
17 and wish them continued success and happiness in the future;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Benet Academy as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.