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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives is pleased  
3 to congratulate the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy's  
4 students, staff, faculty, and alumni on the 25th anniversary of  
5 the Academy; and

6           WHEREAS, The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy's  
7 distinctive contributions to the State of Illinois, the nation,  
8 and the world in the fields of science, technology, engineering  
9 and mathematics (STEM), education and other fields are  
10 deserving of recognition as well; and

11           WHEREAS, The Academy is a State, national and global leader  
12 in diverse STEM talent development, student inquiry and  
13 research, student achievement, professional development for  
14 educators, and the design of innovative teaching and learning  
15 environments and practices; and

16           WHEREAS, Academy programs and services for students,  
17 teachers, and other educators are delivered at its campus in  
18 Aurora, through its field offices in Chicago, Metro East, and  
19 Rock Island, at various other sites throughout Illinois, and  
20 on-line; and

21           WHEREAS, In 2011-2012, the Academy is celebrating its 25th

1 Anniversary year and a distinguished quarter of a century of  
2 inspiring, challenging, and nurturing students who are  
3 talented in mathematics and science to realize their  
4 extraordinary potential, live ethical and exemplary lives of  
5 service, and advance the human condition; and

6 WHEREAS, In the past 25 years, the Academy, inspired by Dr.  
7 Leon Lederman, the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics in  
8 1988, has graduated nearly 5,000 students, served thousands of  
9 Illinois teachers and students in its statewide outreach  
10 programs, attracted considerable private sector support, and  
11 brought positive national and global recognition to the State  
12 of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Recent examples of the Academy and it's  
14 recognition include: the Academy was named the nationwide  
15 winner of the Intel Star Innovator Award; its student teams  
16 received the highest ranking possible in the annual  
17 international High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling;  
18 and the Academy and several State agencies collaborated to  
19 develop and facilitate the Illinois Innovation Talent Program  
20 which fosters partnerships between industry and Illinois high  
21 schools; and

22 WHEREAS, The Academy will continue to develop diverse STEM  
23 talent, student and alumni researchers, entrepreneurs,

1 engineers, physicians, technologists, and leaders in all  
2 fields who will tackle challenges such as developing  
3 sustainable energy, discovering cures and treatments for  
4 dreaded human ailments, inventing new products and services  
5 that change the way people live, learn, and work, and who will  
6 help our State and nation compete and collaborate effectively  
7 in the global arena; and

8 WHEREAS, The Academy also will continue to be a catalyst  
9 and laboratory for the advancement of teaching and stimulating  
10 excellence for all Illinois schools in mathematics and science;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Dr. Leon Lederman, the Academy's current and  
15 past Presidents, Dr. Glenn W. "Max" McGee and Dr. Stephanie  
16 Pace Marshall, respectively, and all trustees, staff, faculty,  
17 students, alumni, parents, and partners of the Illinois  
18 Mathematics and Science Academy for 25 years of success,  
19 leadership, and innovation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we wish the Academy well in all its future  
21 endeavors to ignite and nurture creative, ethical scientific  
22 minds that will advance the human condition; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Dr. Glenn McGee and the Illinois Mathematics and  
3 Science Academy as a symbol of our respect and esteem.