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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 their outstanding
5 efforts to prepare the next generation of science, technology,
6 engineering and mathematics educators and students; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy's
8 collaborative contributions on behalf of the State of Illinois
9 to provide rigorous and distinctive science, technology,
10 engineering and mathematics experiences to underserved and
11 under-resourced students through the PROMISE programs,
12 breaking down geographical and socio-economic barriers are
13 deserving of recognition as well; and

14 WHEREAS, The Academy's signature outreach program FUSION,
15 supporting state educators, has been recognized twice by the
16 Bayer Corporation as one of a select number of programs
17 nationwide to earn the K-12 Best Practice Programs honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Increased access for students statewide to
19 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses is
20 delivered both online and face-to-face in residential, summer
21 and weekend settings by the Academy through innovative programs
22 like Total Applied Learning for Entrepreneurs, CoolHub, and the

1 United Nations of Youth, develop the talented workforce our
2 State and nation need to compete in the world; and

3 WHEREAS, The Academy partners with The Golden Apple
4 Scholars of Illinois to recruit and prepare a diverse group of
5 bright and talented high school graduates and college
6 sophomores who hold the promise for successful careers as
7 excellent teachers in high-need schools; and

8 WHEREAS, The Academy is successful in linking schools with
9 industry to solve real-world problems through collaborations
10 with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois
11 State Board of Education, the Department of Commerce and
12 Economic Opportunity in conjunction with the Illinois
13 Innovation and Talent Project; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is
15 creating sustainable change throughout all of Illinois in its
16 schools, libraries, community-based organizations, and allies
17 such as After School Matters Chicago, cultivating lifelong
18 learning skills and fostering the ability of our students to go
19 beyond knowledge to mastery; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Dr. Leon Lederman, the Academy's current and

1 past Presidents, Dr. Glenn W. "Max" McGee and Dr. Stephanie
2 Pace Marshall, respectively, and all trustees, staff, faculty,
3 students, alumni, parents, and partners of the Illinois
4 Mathematics and Science Academy for their leadership in
5 reaching out with excellence to foster innovation and open new
6 frontiers in science, technology, engineering, and
7 mathematics; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we wish the Academy well in seeking to
9 achieve all of its objectives from encouraging all learners to
10 achieve their personal aspirations and explore their potential
11 to contribute to the common good to encouraging educators to
12 use teaching and learning strategies grounded in imagination
13 and inquiry; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Dr. Glenn "Max" McGee, and the Illinois
16 Mathematics and Science Academy as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.