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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Melissa Leisner,
4 English and reading teacher at Prairie Knolls Middle School,
5 for winning the 2013 Milken National Educator Award from the
6 Milken Family Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Milken Award recognizes educators in the early
8 and middle phases of their careers for engaging and inspiring
9 teaching, community and school involvement, and educational
10 accomplishments; the award is called the Oscar of teaching and
11 was awarded to 40 outstanding educators nationally; Milken
12 Award recipients also receive \$25,000; and

13 WHEREAS, The award's namesake, Lowell Milken, created the
14 award program to honor educators over 25 years ago; and

15 WHEREAS, Melissa Leisner is a lifelong resident of Elgin;
16 she has been teaching for 15 years and has been at Prairie
17 Knolls Middle School in Community Unit School District 301
18 since it opened 7 years ago; and

19 WHEREAS, Melissa Leisner teaches 7th-grade English
20 language arts; 5 years ago, she started a program called YA
21 Cafe, originally called Young Adult Cafe, to introduce students

1 to great literature; and

2 WHEREAS, Melissa Leisner earned her undergraduate degree
3 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb; she also earned
4 master's degrees at Aurora University and Judson University in
5 Elgin; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Melissa Leisner for winning the 2013 Milken
9 National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Melissa Leisner as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.