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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor Victor Gómez on being named 2025 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

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WHEREAS, Leyden High School District 212 is a dynamic, ever-changing public high school district that serves pupils and their families in Cook County; and

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WHEREAS, Within Leyden High School District 212, the Eagles of East Leyden High School in Franklin Park and West Leyden High School in Northlake number more than 3,500 pupils in grades nine through 12 who are bound towards full adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, In our current world, a knowledge of science is increasingly essential towards the goal of career-based adulthood, family leadership, and fully flourishing as a human being; and

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WHEREAS, Aiming at this goal at Leyden High School District 212, Victor Gómez has, over a six-year period, taught science to hundreds of students in the two high schools, especially at East Leyden; and

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1 WHEREAS, Victor Gómez has walked a path of bilingual
2 teaching, making his classrooms a place of learning for
3 students for whom Spanish is one of their first languages; and

4 WHEREAS, Victor Gómez's fellow teachers and current and
5 former administrators and principals of Leyden High School
6 District 212 sought to honor him with a nomination for him to
7 receive the honor of Illinois State Board of Education 2025
8 Illinois Teacher of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, After carefully studying the nomination materials
10 submitted on behalf of Victor Gómez, together with other
11 nominations submitted on behalf of 12 other superb teachers
12 throughout Illinois who were finalists for this award, the
13 Illinois State Board of Education selected him to receive the
14 highest annual honor presented to a working public school
15 teacher in Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, On April 23, 2025, State Superintendent of
17 Education Dr. Tony Sanders presented Victor Gómez with the
18 news that he was the honoree as 2025 Illinois Teacher of the
19 Year; and

20 WHEREAS, With the assistance of the Illinois State Board
21 of Education, Leyden High School District 212 has granted

1 Teacher of the Year Victor Gómez with a 12 month sabbatical,
2 during which he will work within the National Teacher of the
3 Year competition to represent Illinois teachers in teaching
4 excellence, with particular focuses dedicated to science
5 teaching and to the teaching of pupils in a setting dedicated
6 to English learners; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we join the Illinois State Board of Education, Victor Gómez's
10 educational colleagues, and his past and present pupils in
11 honoring him as the 2025 Illinois Teacher of the Year; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That we wish Victor Gómez well as he represents
14 Illinois teachers during his current year of honor; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Superintendent of Leyden High School District 212
18 Nick Polyak and to Illinois 2025 Teacher of the Year Victor
19 Gómez.