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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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of Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize The Illinois Mathematics & 4 Academy (IMSA) for hosting the 14th 5 International Student Science Fair (ISSF) in Aurora on June 27, through July 1, 2018; this is the first International Student 6 Science Fair hosted in the United States; and 7

WHEREAS, The five-day event will highlight three global challenges that transcend national boundaries: water, hunger, and energy; through the theme, "to significantly influence life on our planet through cooperation and collaboration," IMSA strives to deepen its mission as the world's leading teaching and learning laboratory for the prosperity and security of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The International Student Science Fair provides a festive opportunity for young scientists to showcase their research and compete on an international stage; the fair is organized by the International Science Schools Network (ISSN), which provides a forum for promoting leading-edge science education on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, The International Student Science Fair is an annual international event that was officially launched in

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- 2 2005; visiting students are able to visit local universities 2 and corporate research facilities; approximately 250 students 3 and educators will meet to build professional capacity, share 4 experiences, conduct experiments, engage in workshops, and 5 research independent projects; invitations will be extended to 6 40 international STEM schools in addition to other United 7 States and western hemisphere STEM schools; IMSA has been 8 participating since 2007; and
 - WHEREAS, IMSA's mission is "to ignite and nurture creative, ethical, scientific minds that advance the human condition"; as a teaching and learning laboratory created by the State of Illinois, the Academy enrolls academically talented Illinois students, grades 10-12, in its advanced residential college preparatory program; additionally, IMSA serves thousands of educators and students in Illinois and beyond through innovative instructional programs that foster imagination and inquiry; the Academy advances education through research, groundbreaking ventures, and strategic partnerships; and
- 19 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the Illinois Bicentennial; the
 20 International Student Science Fair at IMSA has been designated
 21 as a key event of the Bicentennial celebration; therefore, be
 22 it
- 23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, we
- 2 recognize the Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy for
- 3 hosting the 14th Annual International Student Science Fair and
- 4 for their commitment to promoting diverse perspectives and
- 5 lifelong learning; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 7 presented to The Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy as an
- 8 expression of our esteem and respect.