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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Elgin High School on
4 continuing its legacy of helping all students develop the
5 skills necessary for lifelong success; and

6 WHEREAS, Elgin High School is one of the oldest high
7 schools in the State of Illinois, celebrating its 150th
8 anniversary in 2019, and is a beloved educational institution
9 that has continually aspired to be a place of "Education for
10 All"; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 1869, Elgin High School's founder,
12 Charles F. Kimball, insisted that "no other public interest,
13 whether it be the paving of streets, the building of a bridge,
14 the laying of a system of sewerage...is of so great importance
15 to this community as the schools of the city"; and

16 WHEREAS, Elgin High School had 12 students enrolled in the
17 first class; today, more than 2,000 students are enrolled,
18 with the course of study adapting to fit the changing times,
19 from classical to commercial, comprehensive/college
20 preparatory, and career path; and

21 WHEREAS, Elgin High School has occupied four locations,

1 and the school has resided on Maroon Drive since 1972; in the
2 1960s, a movement to change the school's name was met with firm
3 resolve on the part of the community to remain the Elgin High
4 School Maroons; and

5 WHEREAS, Elgin High School has striven to educate,
6 empower, and equip all students to become compassionate,
7 contributing citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Elgin High School graduates
9 have made contributions as good neighbors, citizens,
10 scientists, artists, physicians, musicians, athletes, factory
11 workers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, engineers, activists,
12 soldiers, leaders, clerks, inventors, writers, laborers, first
13 responders, philanthropists, builders, and teachers to Elgin
14 and beyond; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize Elgin High School on continuing its legacy of
18 helping all students develop the skills necessary for lifelong
19 success as active and valuable members of a global and
20 ever-changing society; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Elgin High School as a symbol of our esteem and

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1 respect.