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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Amy Pugeda on the  
4 occasion of winning the Freedoms Foundation George Washington  
5 Honor Medal award for her notebook titled "The Balance of  
6 Scholarship & Citizenship"; and

7           WHEREAS, Amy Pugeda currently serves as a 3rd grade teacher  
8 at Johnson-Wabash Elementary School, a position she has worked  
9 at since the school's opening in August of 2001; the school's  
10 district, the Ferguson-Florissant School District, is the only  
11 predominately African-American school district to be fully  
12 accredited in North St. Louis, Missouri; and

13           WHEREAS, During her 13 years of public service, Amy Pugeda  
14 has made it her mission to integrate the values of self-pride,  
15 responsible citizenship, patriotism, and strong academics into  
16 her classroom in order to enable future generations to become  
17 the solid leaders and productive members of society that will  
18 be required for the enduring strength of the nation; in  
19 furtherance of these goals, her classroom is a positive  
20 environment where learning, high standards, achievement, and  
21 character development are held in equally high regards; and

22           WHEREAS, Amy Pugeda and her students participate in

1 numerous activities in order to expose the children to  
2 important facets of our society; her class actively  
3 participates in the St. Louis Post Dispatch's Newspapers for  
4 Education program, where the class reads the newspaper in order  
5 to gain awareness of current events and the world around them;  
6 the class hosts many guest speakers, who help the children  
7 develop a knowledge of careers; the class has also adopted a  
8 United States Air Force soldier overseas to communicate with  
9 and has communicated with United States Representative William  
10 "Lacy" Clay, Jr. to express their thoughts and ideas to improve  
11 the environment; and

12 WHEREAS, Amy Pugeda currently serves as the student council  
13 leader at Johnson-Wabash Elementary School; as student council  
14 leader, she has participated in numerous charitable events at  
15 the school, including the raising of over \$1,000 in charitable  
16 donations for the American Diabetes Association and the  
17 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and participation in The Power of  
18 11 Cents: A Celebration of Our Nation's Patriotism fund; the  
19 class has also organized and conducted a successful food drive  
20 for a local food pantry and a fundraising drive to provide  
21 hats, scarves, mittens, socks, and gift cards for those in need  
22 at the school; and

23 WHEREAS, Amy Pugeda's students excel in their studies as a  
24 result of her inspired leadership; her class has been

1 recognized for scoring in the Top Ten for Missouri for their  
2 standardized Missouri Assessment Program scores and have  
3 achieved reading gains of at least one year's growth for 100  
4 percent of her class; and

5 WHEREAS, Amy Pugeda's dedication to her profession, her  
6 willingness to serve her community, and her unwavering  
7 patriotism make her a model for the people of the State of  
8 Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Amy Pugeda on the occasion of winning the Freedoms  
12 Foundation George Washington Honor Medal award and wish her  
13 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Amy Pugeda as a symbol of our esteem and respect.