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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Chicago Tribune  
4 reporter Gary Marx on receiving the Education Writers's Award  
5 for his series with David Jackson on truancy; and

6           WHEREAS, The Education Writers Association has given a top  
7 award to a 2012 Chicago Tribune series that used internal  
8 Chicago attendance data to reveal a devastating pattern of  
9 school absences in grades K-8 that disproportionately affects  
10 African-American youth and children with disabilities; while  
11 Chicago officials for years published upbeat attendance  
12 statistics, the newspaper found roughly 32,000 elementary  
13 students missed at least a month of classes in a year, while  
14 thousands more simply vanished from the attendance rolls; and

15           WHEREAS, Chosen from among hundreds of submissions across  
16 the country, the series won first prize for investigative  
17 reporting among large newspapers; and

18           WHEREAS, Days after the publication of the series in  
19 November 2012, State lawmakers began working on reforms aimed  
20 at saving thousands of children from isolation and failure; and

21           WHEREAS, Gary Marx is an investigative reporter with the

1 Chicago Tribune; he started at the Tribune in 1988; he has been  
2 the paper's South America correspondent (1990-1994), covered  
3 criminal justice, and served on the foreign staff based in  
4 Havana, Cuba from 2002-2007; he has covered numerous armed  
5 conflicts and U.S. military operations including Iraq,  
6 Somalia, Hati, and Colombia; and

7 WHEREAS, Gary Marx is a 2-time Pulitzer Prize finalist in  
8 investigative reporting; other national awards he has received  
9 include the Heywood Broun Award, the IRE FOI Medal, the  
10 Education Writers Association Grand Prize, and a National Press  
11 Club Award; for his abroad work, he has received the Overseas  
12 Press Club Citation, the Maria Moors Cabot Prize, and the  
13 Inter-American Press Association Human Rights Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Gary Marx began his journalism career in 1983 with  
15 the Christian Science Monitor and later joined the Orlando  
16 Sentinel; he has a bachelors of arts from Harvard and a masters  
17 degree from the London School of Economics; in 2001, he was a  
18 John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford and in 2008 he was  
19 a visiting Fellow at Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute of  
20 International Studies; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we recognize Chicago Tribune reporter Gary Marx on receiving

1 the Education Writers's Award for his series with David Jackson  
2 on truancy and thank him for his efforts in investigative  
3 journalism to uncover those stories that need to be told; and be  
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Gary Marx as an expression of our esteem and  
7 respect.