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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 525

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Commending Arcola Elementary School.

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WHEREAS, Arcola Elementary School is commended for its efforts to encourage the enrichment of students through its Foreign Language in Elementary School program; and

WHEREAS, opened in 2007, Arcola Elementary School offers its Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) program to capture children's ability to learn a second language at an early age and encourage awareness of cultural differences; and

WHEREAS, the FLES program is based on the principles that children can readily learn a second language in an environment similar to that of their native language, understand the concept of culture through comparisons of cultures, and reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines with the acquisition of a second language; and

WHEREAS, the FLES program helps students participate in a global society and assists in providing increased readiness for secondary foreign language study; and

WHEREAS, students at Arcola Elementary School are taught to think of others through participation in service projects, which have included sending aid to Japanese quake victims and collecting coats for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, staff at Arcola Elementary School, under the direction of Principal Dr. Clark Bowers, believe that today's dreamers are tomorrow's achievers and provide a safe, caring, and supportive learning community that fosters individual growth, embraces diversity, and inspires successful lifelong learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Arcola Elementary School hereby be commended on its Foreign Language in Elementary School program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Clark Bowers, principal of Arcola Elementary School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for the school's commitment to providing a global education to its students.

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