

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year thousands of schools in the United
3 States participate in the National Geographic Bee supported
4 by the National Geographic Society; and

5 WHEREAS, The competition encourages teachers to include
6 geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the
7 subject, and increase public awareness about geography; and

8 WHEREAS, Each school winner takes a written test, and the
9 top hundred scorers in each state and territory compete at
10 the state level; and

11 WHEREAS, David Westlake was the winner from among grades
12 four through eight at St. Emily's School in Mount Prospect,
13 Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, David Westlake, after competing with the very
15 best students of geography in the entire State of Illinois,
16 was declared the State winner of this rigorous competition;
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18 WHEREAS, David Westlake won the honor of representing the
19 State of Illinois in the national competition in Washington,
20 D.C.; and

21 WHEREAS, Characteristics shared by winners are the desire
22 to excel and an inherent curiosity about geography and the
23 world; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we congratulate David Westlake on winning the 2001 State
27 Geography Bee and we wish him well in the national
28 competition in Washington, D.C.; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to David Westlake as an expression of our esteem.