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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Dr. Richard Best on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Lindop School District 92; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Best received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts in 1977; he pursued a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the degree of EdM was conferred upon him in 1983; he earned a PhD in educational leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Best began his work in school administration as Associate Principal in Glenview District 23; he served as Principal in Lincolnshire District 103 and Director of Curriculum in West Northfield District 31; he is currently serving as Superintendent of Lindop School District 92 and is also an instructor in the Education and Leadership Departments with National Louis University in Evanston and Trinity University in Bannockburn; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Best's years at Lindop School District have been marked with many accomplishments; he established a full day kindergarten program and a middle school model; he redefined the literacy program that resulted in significant improvement in student achievement; he engaged the community in conversation to determine common values and set goals for the future of the district as well as improving parent involvement in the school and community volunteer programs; he led the district to access all available resources for additional dollars and initiated plans for the \$10.8 million building project; in addition, during his tenure, the district passed a school building referendum with 84.2

1 percent approval, and he significantly improved the role of
2 technology in the instructional programs of the district;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NINETY-THIRD
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate Dr. Richard L. Best on the occasion of his
7 retirement as Superintendent of Lindop School District 92,
8 and we thank him for his many years of service to the
9 students of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Richard L. Best as an expression of our
12 respect and esteem and with best wishes for a peaceful and
13 relaxing retirement.