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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives congratulate Russ White of Wilmington on his 4 retirement as Wilmington school superintendent; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. White is retiring on June 30, 2004 after 14 6 years with the district; he also served six years as 7 superintendent at Crescent City, and eight years as Cissna 8 Park principal; he began his career in education teaching 9 science at Atwood-Hammond school district outside Decatur; 10 and

11 WHEREAS, During his tenure, he has had some very 12 different ideas about how schools should and could be better 13 funded; in his capacity of being on the superintendent's 14 advisory board for the State Board of Education, he has been 15 an advocate for funding schools through State income taxes, 16 while reducing property taxes; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. White plans to spend his last year busy; he 18 announced the district will be selling between 1 million and 19 1.5 million in working cash bonds to pay for the recent 20 life/safety work at the high school; the bonds will cover 21 work done to the high school's roof, along with other 22 projects; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. White plans to stay in the area upon his 24 retirement; his wife, Cindy, works as a program assistant at 25 the United States Farm Service Agency in Bourbonnais; their 26 daughter, Amber is a teacher at Minooka and they have two 27 more children, Tamara, and son, Cory; they also have four 28 grandchildren; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 31 we congratulate Russ White on his retirement after 14 years 1 of dedicated service as school superintendent for the 2 Wilmington school district and wish him well in all of his 3 future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 5 presented to Russ White as an expression of our respect and 6 esteem.