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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Neil Codell,
4 Superintendent of Niles Township High School District 219 on
5 his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, Neil Codell has been the Superintendent of Niles
7 Township High Schools District 219 since July 1, 2002; prior to
8 that he served three years as the principal at Niles North High
9 School and as a teenager attended Niles West for two years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Codell's time as superintendent includes many
11 significant accomplishments, including: leading the
12 community-wide effort in 2004 to pass a successful voter
13 referendum increasing the education fund; overseeing extensive
14 construction improvements at both schools; and changing the
15 school day structure from mods to periods; Mr. Codell also
16 worked closely with the teacher and support unions to build
17 greater cooperation and harmony between the bargaining units
18 and management, including a three-year extension to the current
19 contracts; and

20 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the high schools introduced
21 an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for each student and
22 began to offer annual Parent-Teacher conferences that allow

1 parents to meet with teachers individually; he started the
2 practice of having student representatives on the District 219
3 Board of Education; throughout his teaching career, students,
4 parents, and colleagues have remarked on Mr. Codell's unique
5 abilities to get to know students personally, and relentlessly
6 advocate for them; and

7 WHEREAS, Before coming to District 219, Mr. Codell was
8 principal at Whitefish Bay High School in Whitefish Bay,
9 Wisconsin, where, under his reign, ACT scores improved to the
10 highest in the state and National Honor Society membership
11 increased by 50%; Mr. Codell held various roles in elementary
12 and junior high school districts in Illinois; previous
13 positions include being principal at Addison Trail High School,
14 Northwood Junior High School, and acting superintendent at
15 Highwood-Highland Park School District 111, where he was
16 instrumental in passing a referendum before the school district
17 underwent consolidation; his first position as a principal was
18 at West Elementary School in Waukegan; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Codell began his career as a teacher at Senn
20 High School in Chicago, where he spent ten years working with
21 students with social and emotional disorders; Mr. Codell holds
22 a B.A. in history and a Master's of Education in Historical
23 Foundation from Loyola University; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Neil Codell on his retirement and thank him for
4 his years of dedication to the educational needs of our young
5 people; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Neil Codell as a symbol of our respect and esteem.