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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Robert "Bob" Friend on
4 the occasion of his retirement from the Glenbard Township High
5 School District 87 Board of Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Friend previously served Lombard
7 Elementary School District 44 from 1999 to 2009, and he has
8 served Glenbard Township High School District 87 since 2009;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Friend has played an integral role as a
11 leader and member of the Glenbard Township High School
12 District 87 Board of Education, making a positive impact in
13 several major areas, including expanding Advanced Placement
14 and Dual Credit courses and summer school programs, developing
15 the school district's Profile of a Graduate, implementing
16 one-to-one teaching and learning with iPads for all students
17 and faculty, creating the Minority Student Achievement
18 Committee, and repeatedly achieving Illinois State Board of
19 Education Financial Recognition status for excellence in
20 fiscal stewardship; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Friend has served as the head of each of
22 the Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of

1 Education's committees, including the Finance and Facility
2 Committee, the Policy Committee, the Student Performance and
3 Achievement Committee, and the Communication, Legislation and
4 Partnerships Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Friend has held the position of division
6 chair for the DuPage Division of the Illinois Association of
7 School Boards (IASB) since 2005, and he is an IASB Master Board
8 Member and an IASB LeaderShop Fellow in Glenbard's recognition
9 programs; he is also a member of the Lombard Area Chamber of
10 Commerce and Industry, the Tri-Town YMCA Board of Directors,
11 and the Men's Club at First United Methodist Church of
12 Lombard; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Friend has been the recipient of a number
14 of accolades, including receiving the Agricultural Education
15 Advocacy Award from the Illinois Leadership Council for
16 Agricultural Education and being named Lombard's 2020 Man of
17 the Year by the Rotary Club of Lombard; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Friend has provided tremendous leadership
19 and vision to Glenbard Township High School District 87,
20 helping guide district schools for the past 26 years;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Robert "Bob" Friend on the occasion of his
3 retirement from the Glenbard Township High School District 87
4 Board of Education, and we thank him for his dedication to the
5 board, staff, and community; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to Robert Friend as a symbol of esteem and respect.