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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend Dr. Ken Hendriksen, Executive  
4 Director of the Educational Foundation at St. Teresa High  
5 School in Decatur, for his enduring contributions to the  
6 educational advancement of the youth of this State; and

7           WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen's commitment to academic  
8 excellence is reflected in his own rigorous educational  
9 background; he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Lewis  
10 University, a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling  
11 from Western Illinois University, a Master of Science in  
12 Education with a concentration in educational administration  
13 from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, a Specialist  
14 Degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University, and a  
15 Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration from  
16 Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen served with distinction in various  
18 vital educational leadership roles across the State, including  
19 as Principal of Carrollton High School, Principal of Mt. Zion  
20 High School, and Superintendent of the Mt. Zion School  
21 District; and

22           WHEREAS, In 2007, Dr. Hendriksen brought his wealth of

1 experience to St. Teresa High School, assuming the role of  
2 principal and chief executive officer; during this tenure, he  
3 skillfully managed an enrollment of 240 students and  
4 spearheaded transformative building campaigns that resulted in  
5 crucial facility improvements; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2016, Dr. Hendriksen transitioned to the role  
7 of Executive Director of the St. Teresa Educational  
8 Foundation, where he worked to ensure the institution's future  
9 through various strategic fund-raising campaigns; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen has been a respected leader among  
11 his peers, serving on the Board of Directors for the Illinois  
12 Association of School Administrators and the Advisory Board  
13 for the American Association of School Administrators; he has  
14 also lent his expertise as the Chairman of Partners in  
15 Education, the Heartland Region Education for Employment  
16 Systems, and Macon-Piatt Special Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen's excellence was formally  
18 acknowledged when he was named an "Educationis Lumen" nominee  
19 by Lewis University; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout Dr. Hendriksen's illustrious life and  
21 career, he has been supported by his loving family, including  
22 his devoted wife, Laura, his children, David, Rebecca, John,

1 and Steven, and his many beloved grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen's commitment to service extends  
3 far beyond the schoolyard through his active involvement as a  
4 member of the Knights of Columbus, the Mt. Zion Lions Club, and  
5 the Macon County Regional Planning Commission and as a Board  
6 Member for Catholic Charities; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Hendriksen will leave an enduring legacy at  
8 St. Teresa High School and the broader educational landscape  
9 of Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we commend Ken Hendriksen, Ph.D., for his 53 years of  
13 unparalleled dedication to education, congratulate him on his  
14 myriad accomplishments at St. Teresa High School, and wish  
15 him, his wife Laura, and his entire family the very best in all  
16 of their future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Dr. Ken Hendriksen as an expression of our  
19 profound respect and esteem.