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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Steve Stuart, Ed.D. on
4 the conclusion of his outstanding career in education while
5 making a lasting impact on Edwardsville Community Unit School
6 District #7, the EGHM Foundation, and the Edwardsville
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart, a 1985 graduate of Edwardsville High
9 School (EHS), earned his bachelor's degree in history from
10 Illinois State University in 1990, and he later completed a
11 Master of Education in 1999 and a Doctor of Education from
12 Saint Louis University in 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart devoted more than two decades to
14 educational administration within Edwardsville Community Unit
15 School District #7, serving in several impactful leadership
16 roles throughout his distinguished career; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart began his administrative career as an
18 assistant principal at EHS before serving as principal of
19 Lincoln Middle School for 13 years, where he positively
20 impacted countless students, families, and educators; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart later returned to EHS as principal,

1 serving four years as the instructional leader of one of the
2 largest high schools in the region, where he was responsible
3 for overseeing nearly 2,400 students, EHS South, the N.O.
4 Nelson campus, and the school's extensive athletic facilities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Stuart helped
7 relaunch the EHS Hall of Fame, which had remained dormant
8 since the late 1980s, through working alongside former
9 Athletic Director Alex Fox and the Edwardsville Community Unit
10 School District #7 Board of Education to successfully
11 reinstate the organization in 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart championed academic innovation during
13 his tenure, including the transition from the traditional
14 valedictorian and salutatorian rankings to a laude recognition
15 system designed to encourage students to pursue courses based
16 on personal interests, educational value, and future career
17 goals; and

18 WHEREAS, Following his retirement as an administrator at
19 Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 in 2024, Dr.
20 Stuart continued his service to education and the Edwardsville
21 community as executive director of the EGHM Foundation, a
22 not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization established in the late
23 1970s for the sole purpose of supporting District #7, with

1 members consisting of local business leaders throughout the
2 community who focus on funding projects that directly benefit
3 as many students as possible; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Stuart earned the
5 respect and admiration of students, staff, parents, and
6 community members through his calm leadership style,
7 student-centered approach, and unwavering commitment to
8 educational excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Stuart's lifelong dedication to education,
10 leadership, and student success has left a lasting impact on
11 Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 and the broader
12 community; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Steve Stuart, Ed.D. on concluding his
16 outstanding career in education, and we commend him for his
17 years of exemplary service and leadership to Edwardsville
18 Community Unit School District #7, the EGHM Foundation, and
19 the Edwardsville community; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Dr. Stuart as an expression of our esteem and
22 respect.