WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate David J. Kroeze, Ph.D., on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Northbrook School District 27; and

WHEREAS, At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Dr. Kroeze will retire having led Northbrook School District 27 for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kroeze has overseen a number of key achievements at Northbrook School District 27, including implementing the Baldrige Performance Excellence framework, establishing full-day kindergarten, renovating all of the District 27's state-of-the-art facilities, and co-founding the First in the World Consortium with Dr. Paul Kimmelman, which identified and recognized that District 27 students and those in the consortium rank at the highest levels of performance in mathematics and science in the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kroeze's leadership has been apparent in the number of accolades Northbrook School District 27 has received, including the Certificate of Excellence Awards in Financial Reporting for 11 consecutive years, the Department of Education's Excellence Award for Wood Oaks Junior High
School, and District 27 schools being named in the top 1 to 2 percent of schools in the county and State for many years as noted by Chicago Magazine and the Illinois State Report Card; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kroeze has led Northbrook School District 27 through its greatest challenge to date by safely educating students throughout the course of the global COVID-19 pandemic; he developed a hybrid synchronous learning model that allowed any interested student to attend school in-person to the greatest extent possible throughout the entirety of the school year; through his hybrid learning model, approximately 94 percent of District 27's students attended school in-person everyday as of April 2021, which is a testament to his strong leadership, energy, and passion for education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kroeze has served the Northbrook community with the highest levels of respect and integrity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate David J. Kroeze, Ph.D., on his retirement, commend him for his dedication to the Northbrook community, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Kroeze as an expression of our esteem and respect.