

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Education is one of the most noble pursuits a
3 person can undertake and those that do deserve our utmost
4 respect and admiration; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that in July 2003,
6 Eugene P. Jontry will complete 45 years in education; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Jontry began his career in Chenoa in 1959
8 where he was head coach for football, basketball, and track,
9 as well as athletic director; his teams won four conference
10 championships; he taught driver education, social studies,
11 and physical education; and

12 WHEREAS, He became high school principal at Chenoa in
13 1962; he then served as a school superintendent from 1967
14 until 1992; he then spent two years as tech prep coordinator;
15 in 1994 and 1995, he was the Regional Superintendent of
16 Livingston County; in 1995, Livingston County merged with
17 DeWitt and McLean Counties and Mr. Jontry became the Regional
18 Superintendent of Schools for the tri-county area; he will
19 leave that position in July of 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, During his tenure as regional superintendent,
21 Mr. Jontry accomplished many things; he is especially proud
22 that the Alternative/SAVE school, an option for completion of
23 education when traditional methods are not successful, has
24 grown to include four sites serving more than 300 students;
25 he has cultivated a "user-friendly" service environment in
26 the region, providing easier access to the Regional Office of
27 Education for students, teachers, administrators, parents,
28 citizens, and taxpayers; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Jontry attended ISU and was a starting guard
30 on the basketball team from 1956 until 1958; he was known as
31 "Gunner" because he regularly hit clutch shots and was

1 willing to attempt almost any basket; he still holds the
2 season free throw record at ISU which stands at a 94% rate
3 overall and a record 35 free throws in a row; he was inducted
4 into the Redbird Hall of Fame in 1991 and continues to be
5 very active in alumni and Varsity I Club activities;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Eugene P. Jontry on the occasion of his
10 retirement as Regional Superintendent of Schools for
11 Livingston, DeWitt, and McLean Counties, and we thank him for
12 his dedication to the education of students in the tri-county
13 area; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Eugene P. Jontry as a token of our respect and
16 esteem and with our best wishes for a relaxing retirement.