

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mary Dillon Leonard has announced her retirement  
3 effective June 30, 2003 from the Chicago Public Schools after  
4 20 years of service to Henry L. Clissold School; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary began teaching at Clissold School in  
6 September of 1983, and since that time she has instructed and  
7 nurtured over 350 students; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary has been a Montessori Head teacher in  
9 multi-age classrooms of children from kindergarten age to  
10 fourth grade; and

11 WHEREAS, She has been the supervising teacher for  
12 countless student teachers and has served many years on both  
13 the Local School Council and the Education Committee of  
14 Clissold School; and

15 WHEREAS, Mary was instrumental in rediscovering the  
16 Clissold School Song and making it part of her opening lesson  
17 and the opening of all school assemblies; and

18 WHEREAS, When Mary traveled outside Chicago; she always  
19 brought back pictures, anecdotes, and artifacts from many  
20 places including Australia, China, and Turkey to enrich her  
21 students' lives and show them there is a world outside of  
22 their classroom; and

23 WHEREAS, Mary's devotion and commitment to Clissold  
24 School has enriched the lives of her students and earned her  
25 the respect and admiration of her friends and co-workers;  
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we congratulate Mary Dillon Leonard for her 20 years of  
30 devoted service to the students and staff at Henry L.

1 Clissold School, and we wish her a rich and rewarding  
2 retirement; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Mary Dillon Leonard as an expression of our  
5 respect and esteem.