

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Dr. John A.
4 Metzger on the occasion of his retirement as the
5 Superintendent of Johnston City Schools after beginning his
6 work in education 35 years ago; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger attended Southern Illinois
8 University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1968 and his
9 master's degree was in 1971, both in history, and earning his
10 Ph.D. in Educational Leadership in 1982; he valiantly served
11 his country from 1968 until 1970 in the U.S. Army in Vietnam;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger began his teaching career at
14 Farmington Junior High School in 1968; he worked as a
15 teaching assistant at Southern Illinois University and did
16 research for the Illinois Historic Site Survey; he served as
17 Superintendent and Principal of Logan Grade School, Akin
18 Grade School, and Thompsonville Grade and High Schools; and

19 WHEREAS, As Superintendent of Johnston City Schools, a
20 unit district with 1,350 students, Dr. Metzger has supervised
21 a staff of over 125; under his leadership, the district has
22 completed a building project, a maintenance program, a policy
23 re-write, and many union negotiations; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger has been the recipient of several
25 honors including the Norman Caldwell History Prize, the NDEA
26 Fellowship, the SIU Running Club Scholarship, and the
27 Franklin County Conservation Principal of the Year in 1985;
28 he has served as coordinator of a local
29 Superintendent/Principal network, as associate member of the
30 Illinois Administrator Academy in 1990, and as president of
31 the Shawnee Division of I.A.S.A. from 1996 to 1997; he
32 received the Distinguished Educator Award in 1997 from Phi

1 Delta Kappa; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger has written several published
3 articles on local history topics; he has served as the
4 director and a volunteer with the Rend Lake Festival 5K Road
5 Race; he is a member of Benton American Legion, W. Frankfort
6 Moose Lodge, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; he has served as
7 Commander of the Benton V.F.W. Post since 1995 and was
8 coordinator of the Thompsonville Akin Little League from 1980
9 until 1984; he received the RRCA National Volunteer Award in
10 1992; he is a past editor of the Running Reporter which won a
11 national RRCA Award in 1995; he also served as chairman of
12 Benton V.F.W. Post and District 15's "Voice of Democracy"
13 Programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger is married to Paula Pyszka Metzger
15 and is the father of Karl and Kurt; he enjoys running,
16 tennis, sailing, and biking; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Dr. John A. Metzger on the occasion of his
20 retirement as Superintendent of Johnston City Schools, and we
21 thank him for his dedication to many, many students and
22 teachers throughout the years; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Dr. John A. Metzger as an expression of our
25 respect and esteem.