



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Robert T.  
4 Howard on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of  
5 Schools for Community Consolidated School District 59 after 37  
6 years in education; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Howard received a B.S. in Education, an M.S.  
8 in Education, and his Ed.D from Northern Illinois University;  
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10 WHEREAS, Dr. Howard began his long, successful career in  
11 education in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago as a staff member  
12 at Barrington High School, teaching Algebra and Basic Math from  
13 1967 to 1969; he left Barrington High School in 1969 to become  
14 a Guidance Counselor at Sandwich High School in Sandwich; he  
15 remained in that position until 1973 when he became principal  
16 of that school; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Howard served his first superintendency at  
18 Gardner-South Wilmington High School in Gardner from 1977 to  
19 1981; in 1981, he served as Superintendent of Bettendorf  
20 Community School District in Bettendorf, Iowa, until he  
21 returned to the Northwest suburbs of Chicago to assume the role  
22 of superintendent of Community Consolidated School District  
23 59; and

24 WHEREAS, Since he became superintendent of School District  
25 59 in July of 1993, Dr. Howard has been a strong advocate for  
26 all children; he adheres to a belief in education for the whole  
27 child; he has been a role model to students and staff alike;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Many programs in School District 59 have been put  
30 into place to assure that every child's individual needs are

1 addressed; among the programs are a district wide Fine Arts  
2 Festival, CHARACTER COUNTS!, a new language arts program, the  
3 Ridge Family Center for Learning, the formation of over 90  
4 focus groups involving over 1300 people, the formulation of a  
5 district mission and vision and a statement of core values and  
6 beliefs, and the adoption of district-wide aims and goals; and

7 WHEREAS, During Dr. Howard's tenure, he has overseen a  
8 district-wide renovation to equip all 14 schools with the  
9 resources needed for education in the 21st century; he leaves  
10 School District 59 with plans already on the drawing board for  
11 new science labs in the junior high schools; his legacy will  
12 continue to grow as he now plays a major role in establishing  
13 the new District 59 Education Foundation, which will foster  
14 partnerships that support excellence and innovation in the  
15 school district; and

16 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement in June 2004, Dr. Howard will  
17 have shared 11 years working tirelessly for the betterment of  
18 the schools and the communities within Community Consolidated  
19 School District 59; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 congratulate Dr. Robert T. Howard on the occasion of his  
23 retirement as Superintendent of Schools for Community  
24 Consolidated School District 59 after 37 years in education;  
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to Dr. Robert T. Howard as an expression of our  
28 respect and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing  
29 retirement.