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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Rabbi Meir Shapiro on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of service as principal at Arie Crown Hebrew Day School; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shapiro, the son of the late Rabbi Dr. Joseph and Bluma Shapiro, was raised in Pittsburg, where his father served as the revered spiritual leader of a prominent synagogue; and

WHEREAS, In addition to having earned a Master's Degree in Educational Supervision, Rabbi Shapiro received his rabbinic ordination in 1956, from Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky, widely recognized as one of the greatest Torah scholars of the past century; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shapiro has served the students of Arie Crown Hebrew Day School with devotion to the development of each individual, for the past 40 years; during that time, Arie Crown Hebrew Day School has tripled in size to more than 600 students and become one of the most prominent and successful Jewish day schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shapiro has served as a role model for the intellectual, spiritual, moral, and character development of his students; he has been a mentor to hundreds of teachers, and has been a positive influence in the lives of thousands of young Jewish men and women, many of whom have become leaders in the Chicago Jewish community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shapiro and his wife, Elizabeth Fischer Shapiro, have 2 children, Leah and Hillel, who both attended and graduated from Arie Crown Hebrew Day School; Rabbi and Mrs. Shapiro are the proud grandparents of 13 children; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shapiro served Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
2 as an involved parent, rising through the ranks to serve as
3 president of the Parent Teacher Association, and she has also
4 served for many years as the supervisor of early childhood
5 education for the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, On Sunday, June 6, 2004, Rabbi and Mrs. Shapiro
7 will be honored by those whose lives he has touched, and who
8 will be forever grateful for his special and lifelong
9 dedication to education, with a banquet and other festivities;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Rabbi Meir Shapiro on the occasion of his
14 retirement after 40 years of dedicated service as principal at
15 Arie Crown Hebrew Day School; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Rabbi Meir Shapiro as an expression of our respect
18 and esteem.