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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, Education is one of the most noble pursuits one
3   can choose in life; and

4   WHEREAS, Sherry R. Eagle, Superintendent of Schools for
5   Aurora West School District 129, will be retiring after 34
6   years in education; and

7   WHEREAS, Dr. Eagle received her B.A. in elementary
8   education with honors in 1970; she earned an M.S.T. in reading
9   education/curriculum development with honors in 1974 and a
10   C.A.S. in educational administration/curriculum development
11   with honors in 1982; she earned her Ed.D. in leadership and
12   educational policy studies with honors in 1994; and

13   WHEREAS, Dr. Eagle began her teaching career at Caroline
14   Sibley Elementary School in Calumet City in 1971 as a third
15   grade teacher; she was a reading specialist from 1975 to 1985
16   at Thornwood High School, where she worked as Assistant
17   Principal for Curriculum and Special Education from 1985 to
18   1989; she has served as an Adjunct Faculty member at Aurora
19   University since 1995; in 1989, she became the Assistant
20   Superintendent for Curriculum of the Aurora West School
21   District 129, where she has served as Superintendent of Schools
22   since 1993; and

23   WHEREAS, During her educational career, Dr. Eagle has
24   several noted accomplishments; she designed and implemented
25   PreK-12 programs in reading, mathematics, sciences, social
26   studies, fine arts, physical education, foreign language,
27   health occupations, and technology; she created high school and
28   middle school alternative education schools in partnership
29   with the City of Aurora, East Aurora School District, Indian
30   Prairie School District, and the Quad County Urban League that
31   have virtually eliminated the need for expulsion of students;

1   she changed the District bond rating from Baa to A+, which

2   resulted in savings of several hundred thousand dollars for

3   taxpayers; and

4   WHEREAS, She implemented partnerships that maximize School

5   District 129's human and fiscal resources; she has managed the

6   District budget that has tripled in revenues; under her

7   leadership two new elementary schools and two new middle

8   schools were designed and constructed, five new additions were

9   built, renovations of all district buildings were conducted,

10   and she was responsible for acquiring land and equipment

11   totaling over $150,000,000; she developed and implemented the

12   School District 129 Read With Me Foundation to promote a

13   community reading campaign and produced and directed three Leap

14   Year Follies, raising $25,000 for the Foundation for the West

15   Aurora Schools; and

16   WHEREAS, She has been the recipient of several awards and

17   honors; she was a member of Pi Lambda Theta National Honor

18   Society at the University of Chicago; she received the Friend

19   of Education Award from the Illinois Education Association in

20   1987; she was an NIU Candidate for AASA Outstanding Graduate

21   Student in 1992; she was named one of the Women of Distinction

22   by the YWCA in 1993, received the Leading Us in Commerce and

23   Industry Award in 1998, the Break the Mold Superintendent by

24   the Illinois State Board of Education in 2001, the Quad County

25   Urban League Leadership Award in 2002, the League of United

26   Latin American Citizens "Excellence in Education Award" in

27   2004, and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Aurora

28   University in 2004; and

29   WHEREAS, Dr. Eagle is very active in her community and

30   State and has been a presenter and commencement speaker at

31   several notable events; therefore, be it

32   RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Dr. Sherry R. Eagle on the occasion of her
3 retirement, and we thank her for many years devoted to the
4 education of students; and be it further

5   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Eagle as an expression of our respect and
7 esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.