



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth A. Ennis will retire as the  
3 Superintendent of Township High School District 214 at the  
4 completion of the school year; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ennis was the first female to be appointed  
6 Principal and then Superintendent in District 214; she has  
7 served as Superintendent from 1998 to 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, District 214 serves 12,500 students and employs  
9 1,700 individuals in a variety of roles, including teachers,  
10 administrators, clerical and instructional support personnel,  
11 food service, and custodial maintenance personnel; the annual  
12 budget is \$205 million; and

13 WHEREAS, She received a Bachelor of Science in Speech and  
14 Theatre, a Master of Science in Secondary Education, and an  
15 Education Specialist Degree in Education Administration from  
16 Indiana University; she received a Doctor of Education in  
17 School Administration and Policy Studies from the University of  
18 Oklahoma; and

19 WHEREAS, She has been a successful high school speech and  
20 drama teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal in Indiana and  
21 Illinois, Director of High Schools and Adult Education,  
22 Graduate Assistant, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, During her tenure, the district has experienced  
25 significant changes in curriculum, increased recruiting and  
26 hiring of minority candidates, maintained a balanced budget,  
27 introduced the Vanguard School and Newcomer Center, seen a rise  
28 in test scores which remain above State and national levels,  
29 and all facilities have been improved; and

1           WHEREAS, The hallmark of Dr. Ennis' superintendency is her  
2 understanding of the importance of building relationships and  
3 being visible within the school community; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we thank Dr. Ennis for her many years of service and  
7 outstanding leadership in public education and congratulate  
8 her on her retirement plans of teaching, traveling,  
9 volunteering, and attending more plays; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Dr. Elizabeth Ennis as an expression of our  
12 admiration and esteem.