



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Patricia Ann Way,  
4 a Special Education teacher at Nelson Mandela Elementary  
5 School, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years in  
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1967, Mrs. Way was employed by East St. Louis  
8 School District 189 as an English, Speech, and Drama teacher at  
9 Lincoln High School; she later received her Masters in Special  
10 Education and has continued to work in that field through her  
11 retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, To enhance her teaching experience, she traveled  
13 to China, Japan, and South America and has presented workshops  
14 to other teachers about her travels; she also is trained and  
15 serves as a paramedic; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Way is active in the school and in the  
17 community; at the school, she served on several committees,  
18 including Art, Spelling Bee, Social Studies, Elementary Arts  
19 Curriculum K-12, East St. Louis History, Graduation,  
20 Christmas, Retirement, and Decorations for all seasons; she is  
21 also an Art Museum Friend, Botanical Gardens Friends, Missouri  
22 History Museum Friend, and a Friend of the Symphony; and

23 WHEREAS, She has given generously of her time and resources  
24 to Nelson Mandela School and the community; she has been  
25 recognized for her service by School District 189's Fine Arts  
26 Department, Special Education Department, and Social Studies  
27 Department, as well as the International Education Consortium  
28 and the Federal Reserve - Education Division; she is the proud  
29 mother of two successful sons and grandmother of six;  
30 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Patricia Ann Way on the occasion of her  
4           retirement, and we thank her for her many years of dedication  
5           to the education of students in the State of Illinois; and be  
6           it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Mrs. Way as an expression of our respect and  
9           esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.