



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jim McDonald has announced his retirement after 25
3 years as head football coach at Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School
4 in Mackinaw; Coach McDonald is also retiring from 32 years of
5 teaching at the end of the current school term; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach McDonald began his career at Deer
7 Creek-Mackinaw High School in 1974, after graduating from
8 Eureka College with a physical education degree; he was an
9 assistant football coach under Larry Young for five years
10 before becoming the head coach at the age of 27; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach McDonald's 25 year record was 178-84; his
12 tenure was highlighted by playoff appearances in 1985, 1987,
13 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
14 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005; and

15 WHEREAS, The Chiefs were Midstate Conference champs in
16 1985, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2004, and 2005; in 1987,
17 1995, 2003, 2004, and 2005, the Chiefs were undefeated in the
18 regular season; they were Class 2A Runners-Up in 1987; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach McDonald was inducted into the Illinois High
20 School Association Football Coaches Hall of Fame in April of
21 2004; he was also honored as the Peoria Football Coaches
22 Association Coach of the Year in 1987, 1992, and 2005;
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we congratulate Jim McDonald on his retirement as head coach of
27 the Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School football team and on his
28 retirement as a teacher at the end of the current school term,
29 and we wish him continued success in his future endeavors; and
30 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Coach Jim McDonald as an expression of our esteem.