



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Thornwood High School Principal Gary Lester has
3 been named High School Principal of the Year by the Illinois
4 Principals Association; and

5 WHEREAS, He has just completed his 31st year at Thornwood
6 High School in South Holland; he has taught social studies,
7 served as dean and assistant principal, and has been
8 Thornwood's principal for six years; he also spent many years
9 coaching football, girls basketball, and softball; and

10 WHEREAS, He has been known to be at work until 9 or 10 p.m.
11 and can regularly be seen at the school's football games and
12 other sporting events, sharing in the celebration of their many
13 state titles; some of his proudest moments were when
14 Thornwood's basketball teams won the Illinois High School
15 Association's good sportsmanship award; and

16 WHEREAS, During his time at Thornwood, he helped implement
17 the High Schools That Work comprehensive school reform program
18 and the "Dare to Care" initiative; and

19 WHEREAS, He has a good relationship with students, and they
20 feel comfortable enough to stop by his office and share ideas
21 with him; he brings people together, listens to them, and
22 motivates them to do what is best for students; and

23 WHEREAS, He is the father of six children, ranging in ages
24 from 1 to 22; he resides with his wife, Shelly, in Downers
25 Grove; and

26 WHEREAS, Gary Lester is truly deserving of being named
27 Principal of the Year, and now is in the running for National
28 High School Principal of the Year; 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 Gary Lester for being named High School
4 Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principal Association;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Gary Lester as a token of our esteem.