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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gene Amberg, Superintendent of Schools for Urbana School District 116, on his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Gene Amberg has served as the Superintendent of Schools since 1992; he also is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Gene Amberg received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, his Master of Arts degree in Education, and his Ph.D. in Educational Administration at Saint Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Gene Amberg was a member of the United States Educator Delegation to China in 2006; he received the Those Who Excel Award from the Illinois State Board of Education in 2002-2003; he received the Eugene L. Amberg Endowed Chair for Excellence in Teaching from the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation in 2002; and the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education Recognition Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Gene Amberg is currently serving on the Board of

1 Directors for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the
2 University of Illinois; he is a gubernatorial appointee to the
3 Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership; he is a member
4 of the Board of Directors for the Champaign-Urbana Schools
5 Foundation; he is a member of the Board of Directors of the
6 Economic Development Council for the Champaign County Chamber
7 of Commerce; and he was a member of the Board of Directors for
8 the Urban League of Champaign County from 1995 to 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, While serving as Superintendent of Schools, Gene
10 Amberg has overseen construction and renovation projects over
11 the last three years totaling \$30 million; he has overseen the
12 construction of the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center; he has
13 overseen national, award-winning multi-cultural and bilingual
14 programs; he has overseen national, award-winning fine arts,
15 concert bands, orchestra, and choral programs; and

16 WHEREAS, Gene Amberg has developed a joint Urbana School
17 District and University of Illinois Early Childhood Programs
18 for at-risk children; he established a partnership with the
19 University of Illinois Novice Teachers Program; and he works
20 with Project Even Start, a family literacy program for parents
21 and children ; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate Gene Amberg, Superintendent of Schools for Urbana
2 School District 116, on his retirement and wish him continued
3 success in his future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Gene Amberg as a symbol of our respect.