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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kris Cox of Virginia on her retirement from PORTA High School; and

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WHEREAS, Kris Cox grew up in Bradford; she is married to Nathan Cox; and

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WHEREAS, Kris Cox received her undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and her M.A. from St. Xavier University in Teaching and Leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Kris Cox has been involved in public education for 33 years; she began her teaching career in the Chandlerville School District, then taught at Beardstown Jr.-Sr. High School for one year before going to PORTA High School in Petersburg, where she has taught for 17 years; and

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WHEREAS, Kris Cox has served as the Illinois Music Educators Association District IV President for eight years; she has been a member of the IHSA Music Advisory committee for six years; she was an IMEA Distinguished Service Award recipient in January 2006; and she was selected to direct the State FFA Band at the Illinois convention; and

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1 WHEREAS, During her tenure at PORTA, Kris and the PORTA
2 High School Marching Band have won numerous awards in concert
3 band contests and marching band competitions; they have been
4 selected to perform at Disney World four times, played for
5 former Governor Jim Edgar, and for the inauguration of Governor
6 Rod Blagojevich; the PORTA High School Pep Band has played at
7 the State Volleyball, Girl's State Basketball, and Boy's State
8 Basketball Tournaments; the Junior High Pep Band has played at
9 the Boy's 8AA State Basketball tournament three times; and

10 WHEREAS, Kris Cox's dedication, talent and work ethic has
11 inspired hundreds of students to learn, perform and appreciate
12 music; she has served as an inspiration to countless students
13 and colleagues throughout her long and distinguished career;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Kris Cox on her retirement and wish her continued
18 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Kris Cox as a symbol of our esteem and respect.