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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to thank Phil Lawler for his many
4 years of service and dedication to the promotion of physical
5 fitness and health; and

6 WHEREAS, Phil Lawler has been the PE4LIFE Director of
7 Instruction and Outreach since 2001; he has also been the
8 Director of the PE4 Life Academy at Madison Junior High School
9 in Naperville; and

10 WHEREAS, Phil Lawler retired as a physical education
11 teacher after 34 years of teaching; he has earned many awards
12 in his field, including receiving the Illinois Middle School
13 Physical Education Teacher of the Year and the Naperville
14 School District 203 Teacher of the Year; he was named a member
15 of the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches' Hall of Fame and
16 a member of the USA Today First Team All-American Teaching
17 Team; he has trained nearly 700 physical educators, school
18 administrators, and community leaders from several states and
19 foreign countries in the concepts and methods of the "New
20 Physical Education"; and he has promoted quality
21 health-and-wellness-based physical education programs by
22 hosting more than 150 visiting school districts and communities
23 across the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, He has been featured in the Wall Street Journal,
2 USA Today, Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, the
3 Washington Post, and numerous television special reports; he
4 coordinates an annual physical education conference in DuPage
5 County that draws more than 1500 teachers and features over 50
6 speakers; and

7 WHEREAS, He has been featured, along with the Madison
8 Junior High School PE4Life program, in the documentary "Super
9 Size Me"; he is a respected expert in his field, sought out for
10 his advice and council by researchers and medical
11 professionals, as well as educators; and he has testified in
12 the State legislature and in Washington, D.C. on health and
13 wellness issues; and

14 WHEREAS, He has worked tirelessly in promoting quality
15 physical education and is an accomplished and dedicated
16 advocate for physical education and health wellness; he is a
17 mentor, motivator, and visionary in his field, whose passion
18 and dedication to PE4Life and to quality physical education
19 programs is evident to everyone with whom he comes into
20 contact; therefore, be it

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

1 thank Phil Lawler for his dedication to the health of others,
2 especially the children of the State of Illinois; and we wish
3 him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Phil Lawler as a symbol of our sincere respect.