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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Dr. Mark R. Friedman, superintendent of  
3 Libertyville Elementary District 70, has been named the 2009  
4 Illinois Superintendent of the Year; and

5           WHEREAS, The award, sponsored by the Illinois Association  
6 of School Administrators, was presented on November 23, 2008,  
7 during the Third General Session of the Illinois Association of  
8 School Boards (IASB), Illinois Association of School  
9 Administrators (IASA) and Illinois Association of School  
10 Business Officials (IASBO) 76th Joint Annual Conference in  
11 Chicago; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman was selected from among more than 865  
13 Illinois superintendents and represented Illinois in the  
14 National Superintendent of the Year Recognition during the  
15 American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National  
16 Conference in February of this year; and

17           WHEREAS, The National Superintendent of the Year Award is  
18 co-sponsored by the AASA and ARAMARK; a \$10,000 college  
19 scholarship will be presented in the name of the National  
20 Superintendent of the Year to a student in the high school from  
21 which the superintendent graduated; and

1           WHEREAS, Before coming to Libertyville, Dr. Friedman was  
2 assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction, and  
3 personnel for Lincolnwood School District 74, director of  
4 instruction for Itasca District 10, and principal of Washington  
5 Elementary School in Itasca; he began his career in education  
6 as a Chicago teacher, moving on to become a reading laboratory  
7 director in Chicago; and

8           WHEREAS, He is a partner with BWP Associates, which  
9 conducts education management consulting and executive  
10 searches; Dr. Friedman currently serves on the board of the  
11 Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum  
12 Development (23 years, including two terms as treasurer) and  
13 the Lake County United Way (two terms); he has served as  
14 president of the Lake County Superintendents Association  
15 (2007-08) and the Northern Illinois Reading Recovery  
16 Consortium (10 years); and

17           WHEREAS, He is a founding member of the IASA School for  
18 Advanced Leadership and has been an adjunct faculty member at  
19 National-Louis University and North Park University; he is a  
20 trainer and presenter for the Illinois Administrators Academy,  
21 and a member of the National-Louis University Reading Advisory;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, In 2008, he gave the welcome address for the Phi

1 Delta Kappa International Conference, presented at the AASA  
2 National Conference on "Searching for the Superintendency,"  
3 and presented an Illinois Administrators Academy on  
4 "Transformational Leadership;" Dr. Friedman received a  
5 doctorate in Educational Administration from Peabody College  
6 of Vanderbilt University, a master's in Public Administration  
7 from Roosevelt University, and a bachelor of arts degree in  
8 Political Science from Arizona State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman was appointed superintendent of  
10 District 70 in 1992; Libertyville District 70 is a high  
11 achieving system of five schools, kindergarten through eighth  
12 grade, with 2,650 students and 320 employees; the Libertyville  
13 community provides strong parental support and students  
14 perform in the 95th percentile of the Illinois Standards  
15 Achievement Test (ISAT) due in part to a cutting edge  
16 curriculum; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate Dr. Mark Friedman on this honor and wish him all  
20 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Dr. Mark Friedman as a symbol of our respect and  
23 esteem.