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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate James J. Rupert,
4 Principal of North Elementary School in Nokomis and Nokomis
5 Junior High School, on his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born and raised in Litchfield; he attended
7 Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, He began teaching in 1966 in Litchfield; in July
10 of 1972, he became the principal of North Elementary School in
11 Nokomis; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2004, he became principal of Nokomis Junior
13 High School while remaining principal of the elementary school;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Among the numerous educational awards he received
16 during his 40 years in education are the National Distinguished
17 Elementary School Principal of the Year Award, the Friends of
18 the Illinois Principals Association, and the Bright Star Award;
19 he has twice received the State Academic Award; he received the
20 Herman Graves Award from region 5 this year and is being
21 considered for the same award on a national level; and

1 WHEREAS, His wife, Judy, is a retired teacher; they have
2 two children, David and Andrea; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate James J. Rupert and wish him the best in his
6 future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to James J. Rupert as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.