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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Katrina Marie  
4 Clark Thomas on the occasion of her retirement as principal of  
5 Lilly-Freeman Elementary School; and

6           WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas was born in St. Louis, Missouri and  
7 raised in East St. Louis; she is the daughter of the late  
8 Willie B. Clark and Allan "PJ" McCarty; she has one sister,  
9 Deborah Cobb, and one brother, the late Kenneth "Ricky"  
10 Williams; and

11           WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas attended John Robinson School,  
12 Monroe School, and Rock Jr. High School before graduating with  
13 the January 1967 class of E. St. Louis Senior High School;  
14 after high school, she earned her bachelor's degree in  
15 education from Southwest Missouri College in Springfield,  
16 Missouri in 1971; she subsequently earned her master's degree  
17 in educational administration from the University of Illinois;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas began her teaching career at  
20 Jefferson Elementary School (now Nelson Mandela Elementary  
21 School) in February of 1971; in 1992, she was offered the  
22 opportunity to be an exchange professor at Southern Illinois

1 University in Edwardsville in the field of education; in 1993,  
2 she resumed her teaching career at Mandela, where she remained  
3 until she was assigned to Lilly-Freeman Elementary School as an  
4 elementary principal in the summer of 1995; and

5 WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas has been the recipient of  
6 outstanding recognition and numerous honors; she is a Life  
7 Member in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a Life Member  
8 in the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, a board member of  
9 the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, and treasurer of  
10 the East St. Louis Principals' Association; she is also a  
11 member of Macedonia Baptist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas and her loving husband, Argie H.  
13 Thomas, have been married for 35 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Katrina Thomas serves as a model of hard work,  
15 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
16 Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Katrina Marie Clark Thomas on the occasion of  
20 her retirement and wish her many happy and healthy retirement  
21 years; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Katrina Thomas as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.