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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Kathryn Birkett on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of Schools for
5 Indian Prairie School District 204; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Birkett began serving as Superintendent in
7 July of 2009; she currently oversees the third largest school
8 district in the State with 33 schools serving 29,000 students;
9 she has dedicated her career to District 204, beginning as a
10 teacher at Waubonsie Valley High School in 1979; over the next
11 3 decades, she moved up through the district, serving as an
12 Assistant Principal, Steck Elementary Principal, Neuqua Valley
13 High School Principal, and Assistant/Deputy Superintendent;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Birkett is active in the community, currently
16 serving as a member of the Naperville Rotary Club and is on the
17 Executive Committee/Board of Directors of Metropolitan Chicago
18 YMCA; she is also a board member of the Large Unit School
19 District Association, the Naperville Heritage Society, and the
20 Naperville Development Partnership; she previously served 10
21 years on the Edward Hospital Board of Directors; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Birkett is one of 28 superintendents selected

1 from across the nation to serve on the League of Innovative
2 Schools as part of the Digital Promise Initiative of the United
3 States Department of Education in Washington, D.C.; as part of
4 this cutting edge technology leadership group, she has
5 implemented "Bring Your Own Technology" into District 204
6 classrooms; she is also one of 100 superintendents selected
7 nationally to participate in the Education Research &
8 Development Institute, looking at the latest innovative
9 educational programs and products; and

10 WHEREAS, During Dr. Birkett's tenure as superintendent,
11 District 204 has seen the highest ACT scores achieved by
12 students, made progress in closing achievement gaps with
13 minority students, placed the district on solid financial
14 footings, even in light of cuts in State educational funding,
15 and realized strong community approval ratings in the area of
16 communications; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Birkett has a doctorate in Educational
18 Administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, a
19 master's degree also from Northern Illinois University, and a
20 Bachelor of Science from Western Kentucky University in Bowling
21 Green, Kentucky; she is a St. Charles High School graduate and
22 outstanding alumna; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Dr. Kathryn Birkett on her retirement as
3 Superintendent of Schools for Indian Prairie School District
4 204, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Birkett as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.