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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Sherry Eagle on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the  
5 Institute for Collaboration at Aurora University; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle began her career in education as  
7 a third-grade teacher at Caroline Sibley Elementary School in  
8 Calumet City; she spent 10 years as a reading specialist at  
9 Thornwood High School in South Holland before her transition to  
10 Aurora schools; during her time with Aurora West School  
11 District 129 she served as the Assistant Principal for  
12 Curriculum and Special Education, the Assistant Superintendent  
13 for Curriculum, and then 12 years as Superintendent of Schools;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle became the Executive Director of  
16 the Institute for Collaboration at Aurora University in 2005;  
17 as Executive Director she has successfully lead the  
18 establishment of numerous far-reaching partnerships and  
19 collaborations across the greater Aurora community that have  
20 resulted in the development of community-wide programs  
21 designed to meet critical needs of children in Aurora; she  
22 collaborated in the development of partnerships between the  
23 corporate, not for profit, governmental, and education sectors

1 in the Fox River Valley; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle has been instrumental in  
3 implementing numerous programs which are producing significant  
4 results including the Mathematics and Science Education Center  
5 of Aurora University, that has created an alternative model for  
6 STEM education that includes the nationally acclaimed John C.  
7 Dunham STEM Partnership School, that serves third through  
8 eighth-graders and teachers from four Aurora school districts;  
9 the community-wide MyTime After School Program, that serves  
10 over 1,000 elementary and middle school students throughout  
11 Aurora; and the Healthy Living Council, a group of community  
12 leaders organized through the Institute that has offered  
13 city-wide programs to reduce childhood obesity through  
14 programs promoting wellness and health with the goal of making  
15 Kane County residents the healthiest in the State by 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle excelled in her studies at the  
17 University of Illinois-Chicago; she earned her Bachelor of Arts  
18 in Elementary Education in 1970, her Master of Studies in  
19 Reading Education and Curriculum Development in 1974, and her  
20 Certificate of Advanced Study in 1994, all with honors; she  
21 completed her Doctor of Education with Honors from Northern  
22 Illinois University in 1994; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle has been recognized for her

1 excellence in leadership throughout her career; during her  
2 tenure as Executive Director she received the 2006 University  
3 of Illinois Alumni Achievement Award, the 2005 Aurora Public  
4 Library Foundation Light of Learning Award, and the 2005 Quad  
5 County Urban League Award for Community Leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle has served on numerous boards and  
7 commissions throughout her career; she currently serves as a  
8 member of the Communities in Schools Board of Aurora, a member  
9 of the Rush Copley/Fox Valley Heart Foundation Board, the  
10 Energizing Student Potential Advisory Board (NEED  
11 Project/Excelon Foundation, as a member of the Board of  
12 Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University; and as a member  
13 of the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Sherry Eagle has been published four times in  
15 peer-reviewed publications; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate Dr. Sherry Eagle on the occasion of her retirement  
19 as Executive Director of the Institute for Collaboration at  
20 Aurora University, and thank her for her career dedicated to  
21 the education of students in Illinois, and wish her a healthy  
22 and happy retirement; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Dr. Sherry Eagle as an expression of our esteem  
3 and respect.