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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Matt Klosterman on the
4 occasion of his retirement as superintendent of Belleville
5 Public School District #118 on June 30, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Matt Klosterman has devoted 34 years to education,
7 28 of those years serving Belleville District #118; he served
8 as a school psychologist, director of special education,
9 director of Title I, director of pre-kindergarten, and
10 assistant superintendent of finance; he has served the last 14
11 years as superintendent; and

12 WHEREAS, During Matt Klosterman's tenure, the district has
13 seen a growing focus on character education; there are seven
14 Illinois Schools of Character in District #118 and four
15 national Schools of Character; recently, the district was
16 recognized as a National District of Character; and

17 WHEREAS, Matt Klosterman has served as a coach in several
18 area athletic programs and is active with the Belleville
19 Achieves Strength in Character (B.A.S.I.C) initiative; he
20 serves or has served on the boards of the Belleville Chamber of
21 Commerce (President, 2011), the United Way, the YMCA, Do the
22 Right Thing, the Memorial Hospital Foundation, SIUE Academic

1 Advising, and the Boy Scouts of America Lewis & Clark District;
2 he is the president of the Belleville Area Superintendents
3 Association and chairman of the Egyptian Area Schools Employee
4 Benefit Trust; and

5 WHEREAS, Matt Klosterman received the Russell C. Hill Award
6 for outstanding leadership and service through the Learning for
7 Life Program in Special Needs Scouting; he has also been
8 recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with the
9 Those Who Excel Award; in 2010, he was recognized by Racial
10 Harmony with the Outstanding Community Service Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Matt Klosterman received his bachelor's degree
12 from Washington University in St. Louis and his master's degree
13 in psychology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
14 (SIUE); his educational administration endorsement is from
15 SIUE, and he is a doctoral candidate at Southern Illinois
16 University Carbondale; and

17 WHEREAS, Matt Klosterman has been married for 33 years to
18 his wife, Cherie; they have three boys, Sam, Nate, and Matt;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Matt Klosterman on his retirement as

1 superintendent of Belleville Public School District #118, and
2 we wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Matt Klosterman as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.