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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and a Masters of Education degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis; in addition, she holds administrative certificates in Missouri and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is currently a fourth grade teacher at McHenry Elementary School and will retire at the end of the 2003-2004 school year; her career began in 1966 at Park Elementary School, where she taught third and fourth grades; in 1980, she was assigned to the newly constructed McHenry School, where she continued her fourth grade teaching duties as well as many extra activities and committees; and

WHEREAS, In her extra duties at McHenry Elementary, Mrs. Thomas has chaired the Courtesy Committee since 1980, has been presenter at In-Service meetings and St. Clair County Teachers Institute; served on district committees to develop Student Learning Objectives and Developmental Learning Objectives; served on textbook selection committees; served on the Social Studies Curriculum Alignment Committee, with focus on History of East St. Louis; has been a judge for SIU-E Trio Science Fair; mentored student teachers; and submitted instructional ideas that were published in the Seedbed Journal of SIU-E's Teachers Center Project; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas has been a member of the McHenry School Improvement Committee since its inception; she presented Component 2 of the School Improvement Plan to the

1 State Quality Review Team; she presently serves as co-chairman
2 of the committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas has received numerous awards and
4 recognitions for her professional contributions, including the
5 Rhodia Miller Memorial Award-Mathews Dickey Boys' Club, the
6 Eminent Educator Award-Phi Delta Kappa, the Delta Great Teacher
7 Award-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and she is listed in Who's
8 Who Among America's Teachers-1990 First Edition; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is an active member of New Sunny Mount
10 Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where she has been
11 chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and is currently
12 serving as vice-chairman; other past and present professional
13 and civic memberships include: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-past
14 president St. Louis Alumnae; Top Ladies of Distinction-St.
15 Louis Chapter-Assistant Recording Secretary; International
16 Training in Communication; the National Council of Teachers of
17 Mathematics; the International Reading Association; and the
18 Greater St. Louis English Teachers Association; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas on the occasion of her
23 retirement after 38 years as an educator, and we thank her for
24 her many years of dedicated service to her students; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas as an expression of our
28 respect and esteem.