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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Michael Kelly on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Carlinville Unit School District #1; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kelly began his 34-year career in education in 1983; he was a teacher at Girard High School for two years before coming to Carlinville in 1985; while at Carlinville, he has served as a teacher, coach, activities director, and principal; for the last 12 years, he has led Carlinville Unit School District #1 as Superintendent; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kelly has worked tirelessly to maintain a tradition of excellence for the students and the community of Carlinville; through his leadership, the Carlinville Unit School District was the first district in the State to receive district-wide accreditation through AdvancED, a national accrediting organization; he was also part of a faculty that saw their school burn and helped to pull Carlinville High School out of the ashes and make it an award winning school; he has been instrumental in Newsweek recognizing Carlinville High School as one of the top high schools in the nation five times; and

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1 WHEREAS, While at Carlinville, Michael Kelly was a faculty
2 leader when the high school was recognized as a National Blue
3 Ribbon School, and Superintendent when the primary school
4 received the National Blue Ribbon Award; he has also been
5 responsible for pushing to create more student-led learning
6 environments through the use of technology; and

7 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Superintendent of
8 Carlinville schools, Michael Kelly has received over one
9 million dollars in grants for technology and building
10 improvements to support technology; he has served the larger
11 education community on State committees such as Vision 20/20
12 and with the Illinois High School Association; he has been
13 recognized by the IPA and IASA for his outstanding commitment
14 to education and students across the State; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Kelly is well known and respected for his
16 vision and commitment to education; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Michael Kelly on his retirement as Superintendent
20 of the Carlinville Unit School District, and we wish him the
21 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Michael Kelly as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.