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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Joy A. Swoboda, Ed.D., on the occasion of her retirement as superintendent of Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Swoboda began her career in education as a second grade teacher and teacher leader in Carol Stream in Community Consolidated School District 93; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Swoboda was a leader in the Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50 for 25 years; she began her administrative career as an assistant principal at the intermediate school; she then served as principal of the elementary school; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Swoboda earned her Doctor of Educational and Policy Studies from Northern Illinois University in 2000; that same year, she became assistant superintendent of Educational Services; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Swoboda was named the first female superintendent of Woodland District 50 in 2004, where she remained until her retirement; and

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1           WHEREAS, During her tenure as superintendent, Dr. Swoboda  
2 led a relentless focus on continuous organizational  
3 improvement and doing what was in the best interests of the  
4 students, their families, and the staff; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Swoboda oversaw four district strategic plans  
6 and a number of programs and initiatives, including the Dual  
7 Language Instructional program, Woodland Inspires 1:1  
8 tradigital technology initiative, full day kindergarten, a  
9 breakfast program, reduction in class size, and adjustment in  
10 school start times for optimal student learning; she guided a  
11 long-range facility plan of air conditioning at the elementary  
12 and primary schools to optimize school facilities for use by  
13 community groups and agencies, which was recognized with  
14 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)  
15 certification; she also oversaw the beginning of solar  
16 projects at the schools, which were completed in the fall of  
17 2020; and

18           WHEREAS, Under Dr. Swoboda's leadership, the district saw  
19 increased student achievement, a staff retention rate of over  
20 90%, the highest level of "Financial Recognition Status" by  
21 the Illinois State Board of Education for seven of her last  
22 eight school years, and ratings of AA+ from Standard and Poors  
23 and Aa2 from Moody's since 2013; she also worked with several  
24 outside organizations, including the Gurnee Park District, Boy

1 Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Healthy Community Healthy Youth, on a  
2 number of initiatives supporting the Gurnee area; therefore,  
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4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Joy A. Swoboda, Ed.D., on her retirement as  
7 superintendent of Woodland Community Consolidated School  
8 District 50 and wish her many happy, healthy retirement years;  
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Dr. Swoboda as an expression of our esteem and  
12 respect.