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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dale Mitchell, Ph.D., on the occasion of his retirement as superintendent of Homewood School District 153; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell grew up in Grant Park; he earned his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell first taught in a rural district in central Illinois; he then took a position at a middle school in Hanover Park, where he taught under a groundbreaking team teaching approach; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has worked for Homewood School District 153 for 27 years; he first worked as the assistant principal of James Hart School, where he assisted the school's transition from a junior high school to a middle school in 1994; he became the principal of James Hart School, and his leadership helped the district earn a Blue Ribbon Award; he served as assistant superintendent of the district for three years before becoming superintendent in August 2003; during his 18-year tenure, his foresight and grounding in the community helped ensure the passage of two educational funding

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1 referendums with over 80 percent of the vote, which maintained
2 crucial programs and services for students; he guided the
3 district through the COVID-19 pandemic with reassuring
4 positivity and steady resolve, which were key to the school
5 district's consistency in education and compassionate support
6 of students, staff, and families; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell is widely recognized as an
8 outstanding educational leader; he received the Those Who
9 Excel Award of Excellence from the Illinois State Board of
10 Education in 2017; he earned the title of Superintendent of
11 Distinction by the Illinois Association of School
12 Administrators in 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has proven himself to be an
14 incredible educator, advocate, mentor, leader, and educational
15 visionary; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell is married to Dayna; they have two
17 daughters, Michaela and Camryn; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Dale Mitchell, Ph.D., on the occasion of his
21 retirement, recognize his commitment to the students and staff
22 of Homewood School District 153, and wish him all the best in

1 his future endeavors; and be it further

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