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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Darrell Levell Wimberly,
4 affectionately known as Mr. Wimbo, on the occasion of his
5 retirement from Marion High School after nearly 20 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly was born in Louisville, Kentucky
7 on August 23, 1963; and

8 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly was a standout athlete at Butler
9 High School in Louisville, Kentucky, where he starred in
10 football and basketball; and

11 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly attended the University of
12 Louisville and found great success as a linebacker from 1978
13 to 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly tried out for the NFL with the
15 New York Jets, but life had bigger plans for him; and

16 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly built a successful career
17 selling insurance for Commonwealth Life Insurance in the
18 Louisville, Kentucky area for 20 years; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2000, Darrell Wimberly moved to Marion, where

1 he sold insurance for five years before feeling called to
2 apply for a job with Marion High School; and

3 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly worked as a volunteer football
4 coach at Marion High School starting in 2000; he was hired as
5 Dean of Students at Marion High School in July 2002, and he has
6 worked as an administrator, football coach, and basketball
7 coach at Marion High School for nearly 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly has served as a mentor,
9 advocate, and role model for thousands of Marion High School
10 athletes and students, bettering their lives towards brighter
11 futures; and

12 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly has served as a pastor at East
13 Liberty Church in rural Marion since 2002; he has also served
14 as a guest speaker, prayer leader, and preacher at various
15 Marion area weddings, funerals, vigils, and community
16 gatherings; he has served on countless boards and committees
17 and with community organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, Through his service to his students and his
19 community, Darrell Wimberly has provided inspiration to his
20 fellow coaches, administrators, and teachers with his
21 positivity and guidance; and

1 WHEREAS, Darrell Wimberly married Deon Wimberly on
2 December 22, 1994, and he is a father of five children,
3 including two daughters and three stepchildren; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Darrell Levell Wimberly, affectionately known
8 as Mr. Wimbo, on his retirement from Marion High School after
9 nearly 20 years of service; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we recognize Darrell Wimberly for his
11 positive impact on the lives of thousands of Marion students,
12 parents, residents, and community members during his career;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Darrell Wimberly as a symbol of our respect and
16 esteem.