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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Lori Casey, Ed.D. on the occasion of her retirement as superintendent of Woodland School District #50; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Casey received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Special Education from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1988; she obtained her Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University in Evanston in 1992; she earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Concordia University in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Casey began her career in education at the Special Education District of Lake County; after working in the special education district, she worked with children who had learning disabilities and social emotional disorders at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park; she then joined Hawthorn Primary School District #73 and then subsequently Hawthorn Junior High School District #73; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Casey joined Woodland School District #50 as special education supervisor for Woodland Middle School in 1998; she then became assistant principal of Woodland Elementary East in 2000, principal of Woodland Primary School

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1 in 2005, and associate superintendent in 2010; she became
2 superintendent in 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dr. Casey oversaw and
4 evaluated the district and staff; she served as a member of the
5 School Board Contract Negotiating Team for the most four
6 recent contracts and previously served as the lead
7 administrative negotiator; she was an active participant in
8 the Staff Development Program and served on the Assessment
9 Committee, the Reconfiguration Committee, the Building Report
10 Card Committee, the Multicultural Committee, the Response to
11 Intervention (RtI) Committee, the Liaison Committee, and the
12 Board Policy Committee; she additionally led the district
13 through the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic, negotiating the
14 extended contracts of teachers and support staff; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Casey has served as a presenter or panelist
16 at numerous local and state conferences, including the 2019
17 Joint Annual Conference for IASB, IASA, IASBO, the 2020
18 Champions Before/After School National Manager Conference, the
19 2021 Illinois Joint Annual Conference, and the 2021 Illinois
20 Association of School Superintendents' Webinars with Women;
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22 WHEREAS, Dr. Casey belongs to the Illinois Principals
23 Association, the Illinois Association of School

1 Administrators, and the American Association of School
2 Administrators; she also serves as a board member for the
3 Exchange Club of Gurnee and Warren Township Healthy
4 Communities/Healthy Youth; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Casey has received a number of accolades
6 during her career; she was named Special Education District of
7 Lake County's Outstanding Educator of the Year in 1991 and
8 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 1998; she also received the
9 Woodland Parent Teacher Association's Award for Outstanding
10 Work in the Areas of Children's and Environmental Health in
11 2012, a commendation for her work in relation to school safety
12 by the Gurnee Police Department in 2013, the National School
13 Public Relations Association's Golden Achievement Award in
14 2014, and the Thought Exchange Bold Leadership Award in 2021;
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Casey has served Woodland School District #50
17 with dedication for 24 years; 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 Lori Casey, Ed.D. on her retirement from
21 Woodland School District #50 and wish her the best in her
22 future endeavors; and be it further

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