

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Daryl Thompson of Geneva on Wednesday, January 15, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson attended Illinois State University
6 and began his career at Oswego High School in 1961; in his
7 first years at OHS, Mr. Thompson taught bookkeeping, business
8 law, general business, and typing; he served as freshman
9 basketball coach and was the faculty advisor for The Panther,
10 the school newspaper; he later served as sponsor of the
11 National Honor Society; The Reflector, the OHS yearbook; and
12 even of the pom pon squad; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was appointed the high school's
14 part-time vice principal in 1968, following his return to
15 school for his administrative certificate; he was appointed
16 to be the full-time vice-principal in 1970, and was then
17 hired by the school board in 1974 as principal of the high
18 school; and

19 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Thompson earned several
20 honors, including the ISBE 1998 Those Who Excel Award with an
21 excellent rating in the administrative category and the Coca
22 Cola Educator of the Month Award from the Beacon News; in
23 1997, Governor Jim Edgar honored him by proclaiming October 4
24 Daryl Thompson Day; he was selected as one of the top 50
25 people of the twentieth century that made a positive impact
26 on the Oswegoland community by the Ledger-Sentinel and he
27 received numerous other honors; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was an active participant in
29 several professional organizations and held numerous
30 leadership positions in such organizations as the IHSA
31 Legislative Committee, the Illinois Principal's Association,
32 and the Little Seven and Suburban Prairie Athletic

1 Conferences; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson retired after 37 years with Oswego
3 schools and continued to remain active in the district; he
4 was involved in the Oswego Foundation for Excellence in
5 Education and had spearheaded the Oswego High School Alumni
6 Directory; he was an avid golfer and outdoorsman; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Thompson has been deeply felt
8 by all who knew him, especially his widow, Mary Jo
9 Savol-Thompson; his son, Mark (Nancy) Thompson; his daughter,
10 Janis (Sunil) Labroo; their mother, Karel Thompson; his six
11 grandchildren, Kurt, Jessica, Rachel and Olivia Thompson, and
12 Illa and Nisha Labroo; his two sisters, Wanda Schmidgall and
13 Mrs. Ray (Joyce) Rochester; and his several nieces and
14 nephews; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 together with his family, friends, educators, community, and
18 former students, we mourn the passing of Daryl Thompson and
19 offer our deepest sympathy to all who knew and loved him; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Daryl Thompson as an expression of
23 our sincerest condolences.