

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish
3 to congratulate Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone on the occasion of
4 his retirement as Regional Superintendent of Schools for
5 DuPage County and to thank him for his devotion and
6 commitment to education for 59 years; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1944, when he was 19 years old, Mr. DeSimone
8 began his career with the Chicago Board of Education as
9 Recreational Director; he received his Bachelor of Science
10 Degree in 1949 from DePaul University; he holds an All Grade
11 Supervisory Certificate, a High School Certificate, and an
12 Elementary Supervisory Certificate; he received his Master of
13 Science Degree from Northern Illinois University in 1959; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone was a teacher for the Chicago Board
15 of Education from 1948 until 1950; from 1950 until 1952, he
16 valiantly served his country in the U.S. Army during the
17 Korean War; and

18 WHEREAS, He returned home to work in Berkeley School
19 District #87 from 1952 until 1974, serving in various
20 positions including Assistant Principal, Director of the
21 Physical Education Department, Principal, Assistant
22 Superintendent of Schools, and finally as Superintendent of
23 Schools; in 1973, he was honored with the Cook County
24 Superintendent Distinguished Service Award; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone was employed by the Illinois State
26 Board of Education from 1974 until 1976; he served as
27 Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools and then First
28 Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage
29 County from 1976 until 1985; he has been the Regional
30 Superintendent of Schools of DuPage County since 1985; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone has been a strong and effective

1 leader, committed to increasing the learning opportunities
2 available to all students; he has been actively involved with
3 citizen's committees, PTA groups, and other service clubs in
4 order to obtain new ideas for the management of DuPage County
5 schools; he has served as chairman of several groups
6 including the Illinois State Board of Education Health/Life
7 Safety Advisory Board Committee, the Public Education
8 Committee of the DuPage Division of the American Cancer
9 Society, and the Selective Service Board #52, Great Lakes,
10 Illinois; he has served on governor's committees and is a
11 member of several professional organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone married Sally Rose DeLuca on
13 November 11, 1951; he moved to Elmhurst in 1957 where he
14 lives today; he is a member of Visitation Catholic Church; he
15 is the father of four children, the grandfather of nine, and
16 great-grandfather of three; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Mr. Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone on the occasion
20 of his retirement as Regional Superintendent of Schools for
21 DuPage County, and we thank him for his devotion and
22 commitment to education for 59 years; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone as a token of our
25 respect and esteem and with our best wishes for a peaceful
26 and relaxing retirement.