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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rabbi Meir Shapiro on his retirement after 40 years as school principal of the Arie Crown Hebrew Day School in Skokie; and

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WHEREAS, Rabbi Meir and his wife, Elizabeth Shapiro, have not only played a pivotal role in the development of Arie Crown as one of the most successful institutions in the country, they have had an enormous effect upon the educational and spiritual growth of the entire Chicago Jewish Community as well; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Shapiro has been an officer, teacher, consultant, and supervisor at Arie Crown and remains in the forefront of Torah education in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Rabbi Shapiro welcomed Arie Crown students at the doors of the school every morning, greeting each one by name; he encouraged every student to maximize his or her growth, while he strengthened parents and teachers to work for the betterment of their children and talmidim; and

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WHEREAS, He has strongly guided the school in moving to bigger and better facilities, from Albany Park to the building of today in Skokie; he has influenced thousands of graduates from Arie Crown as well as their parents; he has a special relationship with each and is still known as "Rebbe" years after graduation; and

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WHEREAS, On June 6, 2004, in respectful recognition and admiration of Rabbi Meir and Elizabeth Shapiro's contributions to Arie Crown Hebrew Day School and the Chicago Jewish Community, a magnificent Sefer Torah will be presented as a gift to the Shapiros at the gala Hachnosas Sefer Torah;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 recognize Rabbi Meir Shapiro's commitment to the Arie Crown
5 Hebrew Day School and to the Chicago Jewish community and wish
6 him good health and happiness in his retirement; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Rabbi Meir and Elizabeth Shapiro as a token of our
10 esteem.