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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Darlene M. Shannon on her  
4 retirement after 34 years of teaching and advising students at  
5 Steeleville Community Unit Schools; and

6           WHEREAS, As a farm girl in Hamilton County, Darlene Marie  
7 (Karcher) Shannon attended grade school at Piopolis and  
8 McLeansboro; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1966, she graduated from McLeansboro High  
10 School and enrolled at Southern Illinois University  
11 Carbondale; in 1970, she received her Bachelor of Science  
12 Degree in Business Education and was employed by Steeleville  
13 Community Unit Schools; while teaching, she earned her Master's  
14 Degree in Business Education in 1975 from SIU Carbondale; and

15           WHEREAS, For Steeleville Community Unit Schools, she  
16 taught keyboarding to high school and grade school students,  
17 Business English, Accounting I and II, clerical practice,  
18 salesmanship, shorthand, information processing, and record  
19 keeping; she also taught adult education keyboarding at John A.  
20 Logan and a Business English class for SIU Carbondale; and

21           WHEREAS, Along with teaching at Steeleville, Mrs. Shannon  
22 was an adviser for the following: Future Business Leaders of  
23 America (FBLA), Pep Club, the Student Activity Board, the  
24 Student Athletic Council, yearbook staff, and classes; while  
25 yearbook adviser, the staff received the Golden Dozen Award  
26 from the Southern Illinois School Press Association 9 years;  
27 she has served as the adviser to 33 Southern Area FBLA  
28 officers, 11 Illinois FBLA State officers, and many area,  
29 state, and national competitive event winners from  
30 Steeleville; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition being an FBLA chapter adviser for 34  
2 years, Mrs. Shannon served as the Illinois FBLA State Adviser  
3 for 16 years and on the National FBLA-PBL Board of Directors  
4 for 3 years; she is continuing to serve as the Illinois  
5 FBLA-PBL State Chairman, a position that she has held for 4  
6 years; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Shannon's recognitions include the Mary E.  
8 Webb Award for Outstanding Illinois FBLA Advisers, National  
9 outstanding Local FBLA Adviser Award, southern Illinois  
10 Business Teacher of the Year, Those Who Excel Classroom Teacher  
11 Award of Merit, and Southern Illinois School Press Association  
12 Adviser of the Year; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1971, she married Dan Shannon from Cisne, whom  
14 she met as a student worker at Textbook Service at SIUC; Mr.  
15 Shannon retired after 35 years of employment at SIUC where his  
16 job duties included research, service, and teaching; he is  
17 presently working part time with the SIU Center for Rural  
18 Health and the Safety Center; and

19           WHEREAS, Mrs. Shannon will be retiring at the end of the  
20 2003-04 school year; she feels blessed to have had such a  
21 wonderful school district and community in which to spend her  
22 teaching career; and; therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
25 congratulate Darlene M. Shannon on her retirement after many  
26 years of dedication to the cause of education, and we wish her  
27 good health and happiness in all her future endeavors; and be  
28 it further

29           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
30 presented to Darlene M. Shannon as an expression of our respect  
31 and esteem.