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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Vernal Ann Williams  
4 Breashears who is retiring after 35 years as a Chicago Public  
5 School educator; and

6           WHEREAS, Vernal Ann Williams Breashears grew up in Forest,  
7 Mississippi; she attended E.T. Hawkins High School where she  
8 was involved in most activities and sports; after graduating  
9 from E.T. Hawkins High, she enrolled in Jackson State College  
10 and received a Dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary  
11 and Special Education in 1967; she received her Master of  
12 Education in Curriculum from DePaul University in 1978 and  
13 continued post-graduated study at Westfield College, London,  
14 England, National Louis University, and Chicago State  
15 University; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1967, Vernal was one of twelve teachers hired  
17 by the Jackson Public School System; her assignments was  
18 teacher at Lanier High School for the coming school year; in  
19 1968, Vernal and her family relocated to Chicago; she  
20 immediately received a teaching position at the Arthur Dixon  
21 Elementary School; she taught at Dixon for 10 years; in 1976,  
22 she was transferred to Pilsen Academy where she taught for  
23 fifteen years; in 1995, she was employed as the Dean of girls  
24 at South Shore High School; later, she was appointed Assistant  
25 Principal and in March of 2000, she became Contract Principal;  
26 for the last four years, she has serviced Chicago Public  
27 Schools for the Region 5 and Cluster 6 Offices assuming the  
28 responsibilities of Management Support Director; and

29           WHEREAS, Vernal is a member of the St. Ailbe Catholic  
30 Church; her community service involvement includes Horizons  
31 Ministry, Compassionate Friends, Friends of Special Education,  
32 Local Area Network, and Delta Sigma Theta; and

1           WHEREAS, She is excited about her retirement and plans to  
2           enjoy bowling, fishing, reading, traveling, and relaxing; she  
3           is extremely grateful and proud of the support of her mother,  
4           son, grandson, family members, friends; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate Vernal Breashears on her retirement as a Chicago  
8           Public School educator; and wish her good health and happiness  
9           in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to Vernal Breashears as an expression of our respect.