



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Northern Suburban Special Education District
3 (NSSED) Superintendent Dave Peterson is retiring at the
4 conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year; and

5 WHEREAS, NSSED serves 20 school districts with a combined
6 population of 40,000 students in the north shore suburbs of
7 Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Peterson was hired by NSSED in 1989 as
9 Director of Support Services, and he has been Superintendent of
10 NSSED since 1994; he has held several other administrative
11 positions in Illinois school districts and joint agreements;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, He has a bachelor of science degree in psychology
14 and a master of science degree in school psychology from
15 Western Illinois University; he has also taken advanced
16 coursework in educational psychology from Northern Illinois
17 University and education leadership from Loyola University;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Peterson has made numerous
20 presentations at state and national conferences and has
21 published several journal articles and book chapters; and

22 WHEREAS, He has conducted numerous training workshops,
23 served as a member of various committees for the Illinois State
24 Board of Education and has served as a consultant or conducted
25 staff development programs in Illinois, Florida, Iowa, Ohio,
26 Montana, and New York, among others; and

27 WHEREAS, He is past-President of the Illinois Alliance of
28 Administrators of Special Education, and he currently serves as
29 President of the IASA North Cook Region Superintendents; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Peterson leaves a legacy of dedication and
2 success in providing stable learning environments to the
3 district's special needs children; the NSSED has become a model
4 for every Special Education District across the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Peterson's positive vision and persistent
6 advocacy to help all students achieve their potential will
7 leave its mark all the way from the classroom to the United
8 States Congress; and

9 WHEREAS, The new UCP Chicago's Infinitec North Assistive
10 Technology Coalition and Training Center and the Early
11 Childhood Center for Innovative Learning is a tribute to his
12 vision and management abilities; and

13 WHEREAS, He will be remembered by his staff and peers as
14 having a wonderful way of working with people; he brought
15 strength and grace to his leadership which brought out the best
16 in everyone; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate and thank Dave Peterson for his tenure as
20 Superintendent of the Northern Suburban Special Education
21 District; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Superintendent Peterson as an expression of our
24 respect and esteem and with our best wishes for his retirement
25 and future endeavors.