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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis, together with the members of the House of Representatives, recognize that throughout the State of Illinois and across the country, the school principal plays a pivotal role in creating a safe school environment conducive to learning; each day the principal is responsible for an often thankless job, the education and edification of our students who are the future of our State and this great nation; and

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois acknowledge the complexity in the roles and responsibilities of the school principal, which requires dedication and knowledge that each principal has gained through personal experience, education, and the support of others; and

WHEREAS, The demands on the school principal have increased tremendously over the past 20 years to provide quality and accountability in education; effective school leadership is essential if schools, teachers, students, and support staff are to achieve excellence; and

WHEREAS, Many times our contact with our local principal is of a negative manner, and it is important to provide positive support to our principals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that to show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedication and commitment to the education of our children on a daily basis and throughout the year, we declare Monday, May 8, 2006, to be "Hug a Principal" day in the State of Illinois, and we encourage students, faculty, parents, and citizens everywhere to thank their local principals on that day; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Illinois Principals Association and to the  
3 State Board of Education.