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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Shirley LeClere on
4 the occasion of her retirement from Nicholson Elementary School
5 and on her new position at the Regional Office of Education of
6 Kane County; and

7 WHEREAS, Shirley LeClere was born in Chicago; she was one
8 of six children; and

9 WHEREAS, Shirley LeClere attended college at Waubonsee
10 Community College, where she took early childhood classes;
11 while at WCC, she worked as a Head Start teacher assistant,
12 then progressed through the ranks to become a Lead Teacher,
13 Center Director, Parent Coordinator, and Head Start Director;
14 she then transferred to Aurora College, where she earned her
15 B.A. in education in 1983; after graduating she left the Head
16 Start Program to begin interviewing for a public school
17 position; on Father's Day weekend in June 1983, she was called
18 to interview at Smith Elementary School; for the next several
19 years she taught third and fourth grades before being asked to
20 move to a kindergarten teaching position; and

21 WHEREAS, After a couple of years Shirley LeClere was asked
22 to work as a part time Kindergarten/Administrative Assistant;

1 instead of taking the position, she went back to school to get
2 her M.A. in education with a minor in Gifted Education, which
3 she earned in 1988; she continued her education by getting
4 certified as an Administrator; she became Principal of Smith
5 Elementary in 1994; she remained at Smith Elementary until her
6 move to Nicholson Elementary School in 2002; while at
7 Nicholson, under her leadership, the school was designated by
8 the State as a Spotlight School for Achievement and Academic
9 Performance; she was principal of Nicholson until 2007, when
10 she accepted a position at the Regional Office of Education of
11 Kane County; and

12 WHEREAS, Shirley LeClere has maintained an active
13 involvement in her community; she is a member of the Districts
14 Pro Gro Committee; she is a TESA trainer; she has been an Even
15 Start teacher and director; she hosted the 1st annual District
16 129 reading symposium; she has been involved with the Golden
17 Oaks Supervisory Board; she hosted the 1st annual Health
18 Awareness Fair; she has been the director of the City of Aurora
19 Summer School Program; she is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; she
20 is a member of ASCD; she has been a Coordinator of the TAOEP;
21 she is a Golden Apple recipient; she received a Kane County
22 Nomination for Educator of the Year; and she has been an Aurora
23 University Adjunct Professor in the MARI program; and

24 WHEREAS, Shirley LeClere's dedication to her profession

1 and triumph over personal adversity are truly a model for the
2 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Shirley LeClere on her retirement from Nicholson
6 Elementary School and on her new position at the Regional
7 Office of Education of Kane County, and wish her continued
8 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Shirley LeClere as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.