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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Frances "Fran" McConnell  
4 Williams, PhD, on her retirement as Principal of Adam Clayton  
5 Powell Jr. Paideia Community Academy in Chicago; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Williams received her Bachelor of Science  
7 degree in Education from Illinois State University, her Master  
8 of Arts degree in Education from Loyola University, her Master  
9 of Science degree in Education from Governors State University,  
10 and her PhD in Education, Curriculum, and Instruction from the  
11 University of Illinois-Urbana; and

12           WHEREAS, Fran has served as Principal of Adam Clayton  
13 Powell Jr. Paideia Community Academy for twelve years; she has  
14 served the Chicago Public Schools as an educator for forty  
15 years, serving as counselor, teacher, and as assistant  
16 principal; and

17           WHEREAS, Fran has increased school attendance at Powell to  
18 95% and above by instilling a respect for the school, for  
19 education, and for one's self; with her staff behind her, the  
20 reading scores of the school increased from 27% to 57%, and  
21 mathematics scores increased from 17% to 53%; and

1           WHEREAS, Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Paideia Community Academy  
2 has been recognized by the Chicago Public Schools for six  
3 continuous years of school achievement and improvement; the  
4 school has reduced its mobility rate from 96% in 1996 to 40% in  
5 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, Fran's outstanding work has been recognized by  
7 educational experts: she has received the Blum-Kolver  
8 Educators Award, the Distinguished Educators Award, the  
9 Outstanding Leadership of the Year Award in 2005; she was named  
10 Principal of the Year in the District for 2006, and has  
11 received six annual awards for the school's continuous annual  
12 improvements; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 thank Dr. Frances "Fran" McConnell Williams for her service,  
16 congratulate her on her retirement, and wish her continued  
17 success in her future endeavors; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Dr. Frances "Fran" McConnell Williams and to the  
20 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Paideia Community Academy as a symbol  
21 of our respect and esteem.