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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gwen Lee on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Thornridge High School's
5 Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and
6 Professional Development, Director of Special Education, and
7 District Coordinator for Small Learning Communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee earned her doctorate from Loyola
9 University in Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee began her education career as a high
11 school social studies teacher at Thornridge High School; she
12 went on to serve as a Dean of Students for 4 years, then as an
13 Assistant Principal at Thornridge for 9 years; in 1992, Gwen
14 Lee became Principal of Hillcrest High School, where she served
15 diligently until 1994, when she accepted a position as
16 Principal of Thornridge High School; she served as principal of
17 Thornridge until 1999, when she was promoted to the position of
18 Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and
19 Professional Development, where she remained until her
20 retirement; and

21 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee has served in various other educational
22 institutions; she serves as an adjunct faculty member at

1 Governors State University and National Louis University; she
2 has also served as an Educational Consultant and Evaluator for
3 the Bill & Melinda Gates Challenge Grants for Leadership and as
4 a National Consultant for The National Staff Development
5 Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee has been the recipient of many awards in
7 recognition of her accomplishments; she was named Principal of
8 the Year for the State of Illinois in 1998 and Administrator of
9 the Year in 2003; she has also been the recipient of the Dare
10 to Be Great Women in Leadership Award and the Outstanding
11 Secondary Educator in America honors; and

12 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee has been an active participant in The
13 Links, Incorporated for over 30 years; she is a charter member
14 of the organization's South Suburban Chicago Chapter and has
15 served in many prestigious national posts within the
16 organization, including National Member-at-Large, National
17 Nominating Committee Chairperson, National Trends and Services
18 Director, National Recording Secretary, and National
19 Vice-President; and

20 WHEREAS, Gwen Lee's dedication to her profession and her
21 willingness to serve her community make her a model for the
22 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Gwen Lee on the occasion of her retirement and
4 wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Gwen Lee as a symbol of our esteem and respect.