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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sharon Seals on her retirement from School District 129 in Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Sharon Seals received her early education from the Chicago Public School system, graduating with honors from Calumet High School in 1970; she is an outstanding alumna of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, receiving a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Education in 1974, and a Master's of Science degree in Education in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Sharon Seals has given thirty-five years of service educating students and teachers; she taught music and art in the Chicago Public School System from 1974 to 1976; in the fall of 1976, she was employed by the Aurora Public School District 129 and assigned to Gertrude Smith Elementary School, where she remained for thirty-three years; and

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WHEREAS, She served in a variety of instructional/advisory positions at Gertrude Smith Elementary School; she taught grades 1-4 during her tenure; in this capacity, she planned, organized, and taught daily lessons; she was noted for creating unique lessons in math, reading, science, writing, and social studies; further, she adapted instruction for special needs

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1 students, i.e., autism, learning disabled, and attention
2 deficit disorder; she created interactive bulletin boards in
3 and outside of the classroom, facilitated guided reading
4 groups, and developing comprehensions and assessments; and

5 WHEREAS, As a professional educator with an exemplary
6 record of service, Sharon Seals was highly regarded by her
7 colleagues, serving as team leader of grade levels; in this
8 role, she frequently collaborated with other classroom
9 teachers, other staff, and parents; she served as a
10 motivational speaker for students, produced and directed
11 all-school programs, and implemented a reward and discipline
12 system for students; and

13 WHEREAS, Her communication style with school staff,
14 students, and parents has been described as warm and
15 diplomatic; in the community, Sharon Seals is committed to
16 service; as a faithful member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist
17 Church of Chicago, she served in numerous capacities including:
18 music director of the Junior Choir, assistant director of
19 Easter and Children's Day programs, Sunday School Attendant,
20 Chairperson of graduation activities, and Women's Day keynote
21 speaker; and

22 WHEREAS, Sharon has been married to Donnie Seals, Sr. for
23 the past thirty-four years; they are the proud parents of three

1 children who are college graduates and successful, productive
2 citizens in their various communities; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Sharon Seals on her retirement and wish her the
6 best in her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Sharon Seals as a symbol of our respect.