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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Sandra  
4 Fontanez-Phelan on the occasion of her retirement as principal  
5 of Kelvyn Park High School; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan was born in Las Piedras,  
7 Puerto Rico; she was raised on Chicago's South Side in the  
8 Bridgeport neighborhood; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan has been the first to graduate  
10 elementary school, high school, and college in her family; she  
11 is a graduate of Healy Elementary School and Tilden High School  
12 in Chicago; she is a graduate of the University of Illinois,  
13 where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's of Arts in  
14 Education; she then completed her doctoral studies at Illinois  
15 State University in Administration and Special Education; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan has dedicated the last 36  
17 years to educating high school youth; she has held many  
18 positions, including teacher, counselor, bilingual special  
19 education master teacher, assistant principal, manager,  
20 coordinator, director of special education, Compliance and Due  
21 Process Facilitator, Level I hearing officer for the State of  
22 Illinois, Director in the Office of High School Programs,

1 Middle School Principal, and High School Principal; and

2 WHEREAS, During Dr. Fontanez-Phelan's tenure as principal  
3 of Kelvyn Park High School, the school has experienced a true  
4 renaissance; she has been instrumental in gaining the  
5 community's trust in her and the school, with her inclusive  
6 style empowering students, parents, the community, and the  
7 staff to effect change and instill the belief that Kelvyn Park  
8 can and does provide a world class education in a neighborhood  
9 school; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan's career has also included  
11 community work, counseling, creating university partnerships,  
12 and summer employment training; she has devoted great amounts  
13 of time to reaching out to the young people in her community  
14 and has created programs to provide post-secondary  
15 opportunities for her students; through her efforts, millions  
16 of dollars in scholarships have been awarded over the past  
17 seven years to the students in her school community; through  
18 her involvement as a Board member for the Puerto Rican Arts  
19 Alliance, she has helped her students value the contribution of  
20 the arts; she has also been a proud member of NHAE for many  
21 years; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan currently resides on the  
23 North Side of Chicago with her husband and her two sons; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Fontanez-Phelan serves as a model of hard  
2 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
3 Illinois; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Dr. Sandra Fontanez-Phelan on the occasion of her  
7 retirement and wish her many happy and healthy retirement  
8 years; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Dr. Sandra Fontanez-Phelan as a symbol of our  
11 esteem and respect.