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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Robert S.  
4 Nielson on the occasion of his retirement as the Superintendent  
5 of Schools for Bloomington Public School District 87 on June  
6 30, 2010 after 33 years of dedicated service to Illinois  
7 citizens; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson earned his bachelor's degree  
9 from Northeastern Illinois University in 1976, his master's  
10 degree from Northeastern Illinois University in 1979, his  
11 Advanced Certificate in Educational Administration from the  
12 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1986, and his  
13 Doctor of Education degree from the University of Illinois at  
14 Urbana-Champaign in 1993; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson began his professional career  
16 as a social studies teacher and coach of football and boys'  
17 basketball at Maine East High School in Park Ridge from 1977 to  
18 1979; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson successfully taught social  
20 studies to at-risk students at Downers Grove South High School  
21 from 1979 to 1986; during this time, he served in positions  
22 with the Downers Grove South Education Association and the

1 Principal Advisory Committee and coached football and girls'  
2 basketball; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson further dedicated himself to  
4 the education of Illinois citizens by serving as Division  
5 Leader for Foreign Language, Social Studies, Physical  
6 Education, and Health at Crete-Monee High School in Crete,  
7 Illinois, where he supported his fellow educators among school  
8 administration and worked in the development of the school  
9 curriculum; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson continued serving the diverse  
11 student population of Crete-Monee High School as Associate  
12 Principal from 1989 to 1991, by overseeing the advancement of  
13 curriculum and educational development while maintaining the  
14 daily functioning of the school body; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson went on to serve as Principal  
16 for the students and staff of Urbana High School from 1991 to  
17 1993, where he dedicated himself to maximizing the personal  
18 success of each student, faculty member, and staff member,  
19 while garnering the involvement of parents; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson continued to serve Urbana  
21 School District 116 as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum &  
22 Instruction from 1993 to 1998, where he coordinated and

1 supervised community partnerships, school improvements, and  
2 administration and staff development, while developing a  
3 curriculum to ensure the success of a student population with  
4 varied and specialized needs; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson has served as Superintendent of  
6 Schools for Bloomington Public School District 87 since 1998,  
7 where he has provided over 12 years of leadership and support  
8 for the students, faculty, staff, parents, and community  
9 leaders of Bloomington; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson has been the recipient of many  
11 distinguished recognitions and awards for his dedication as an  
12 educator and community member, including the Illinois  
13 Association of School Administrators' Illinois Superintendent  
14 of the Year Award, the Van Miller Distinguished  
15 Scholar-Practitioner Award from the Illinois Association of  
16 School Administrators and the University of Illinois  
17 Department of Education, the Illinois State Board of Education  
18 Those Who Excel Award, the Evelyn Cobb Service Award from the  
19 McLean County Community COMPACT, and the University of Illinois  
20 Education Administration Alumni Association Distinguished  
21 Achievement Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson has served the State and his  
23 community in numerous capacities, such as former President for

1 the Large Unit District Association, Chairman of the State  
2 Accountability Appeals Committee, member of the Governor's  
3 Education Task Force, member of the Council of Chief State  
4 School Officers Formative Assessment Advisory Group, Illinois  
5 Delegate to the Education Commission of the States, and member  
6 of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago Task  
7 Force on Teacher Education and Professional Development; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson has contributed to many  
9 publications and presentations and has joined in numerous  
10 professional associations, which has furthered the success of  
11 educating Illinois citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Nielson has served his community, his  
13 profession, and the State of Illinois with intelligence,  
14 dedication, and the high integrity; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate Dr. Robert S. Nielson on the occasion of his  
18 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement  
19 years; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Dr. Robert Nielson as a symbol of our esteem and  
22 respect.