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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Lyle Rigdon on the
4 occasion of his retirement as the Pawnee Superintendent of
5 Schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Lyle Rigdon graduated from Ridgefarm High School
7 and Danville Area Community College; he then graduated from
8 Purdue University with a degree in industrial technology; and

9 WHEREAS, Lyle Rigdon began his educational career as an
10 industrial technology teacher at Westville High School in
11 Westville and Southview Middle School in Danville; he then left
12 the education field and moved to Elkhart, Indiana, where he
13 worked in quality control at Accra Pac; shortly after, he took
14 a job at Dometic, where he served as the company's national
15 training manager and traveled across the country to attend
16 trade shows and develop the company's training manuals; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his service at Dometic, Lyle Rigdon
18 returned to the Champaign area when he was offered a position
19 with the Vocational Education Department at the University of
20 Illinois, where he was in charge of developing educational
21 materials and training for schools across the nation; he then
22 accepted a job with the National Center for Supercomputing on

1 the University of Illinois campus, where he developed the
2 center's training materials and conducted training programs
3 for high school teachers; during this time, he returned to
4 school to complete his master's degree in educational
5 administration; and

6 WHEREAS, After his service at the University of Illinois,
7 Lyle Rigdon accepted the position of principal at Westville
8 High School; as principal, he implemented the school's
9 Renaissance program and academy programs, wrote various
10 grants, helped to increase attendance, and conducted various
11 graduation rate programs; he then returned to school and
12 completed his certification to become a school superintendent;
13 shortly after, he took a position as a principal/superintendent
14 in Ludlow; as principal/superintendent, he co-wrote over
15 \$500,000 in reading improvement grants, organized many
16 collections for students, and was a reader for grants for the
17 State of Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2004, Lyle Rigdon moved to Ashland, where he
19 became the superintendent of a K-12 district, where he was
20 involved in both grant writing and school improvement plans; in
21 2007, he became the Pawnee Superintendent of Schools; as
22 superintendent, he was involved in grant writing for the new
23 greenhouse, the reintroduction of home economics and
24 agriculture classes, and working with the State to make Route

1 104 a safe road for students; and

2 WHEREAS, Lyle Rigdon served as a volunteer coach with the
3 Special Olympics; he is also a guest lecturer at UIS, where he
4 is involved in the training of student teachers; and

5 WHEREAS, Lyle Rigdon is a member of the United Methodist
6 Church and the Lions clubs; he enjoys cars, trains,
7 landscaping, and camping; and

8 WHEREAS, Lyle Rigdon and his loving wife of 29 years,
9 Lonny, have one son, Luke, and a future daughter-in-law,
10 Christy; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Lyle Rigdon on the occasion of his retirement and
14 wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Lyle Rigdon as a symbol of our esteem and respect.