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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Beverly Turkal on the
4 occasion of her retirement from a long and distinguished career
5 in education; and

6 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal began her career as a teacher in
7 school districts in both Cook County and Jasper County; in
8 1979, she received her first administrative position as a
9 Principal in the Jasper County School District, before becoming
10 the district's Director of Buildings and Grounds and Special
11 Education Coordinator; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1986, she accepted the Assistant
13 Superintendent position in the Robinson School District and
14 became the district's Superintendent five years later; upon her
15 retirement in 1994, she served as a consultant for
16 administrator searches; and

17 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal then utilized her outstanding
18 teacher mentoring skills as the Student Teaching Coordinator at
19 Eastern Illinois University; she continued her commitment to
20 education with her election to a position on the Illinois
21 Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2001;
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1 WHEREAS, She also aided school districts in need of
2 experienced guidance, serving short periods as Interim
3 Superintendent in the East Richland, Brussels, and Robinson
4 School Districts, and Assistant Superintendent at East
5 Richland; and

6 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal was appointed by Governor George
7 Ryan as a member of the Illinois State Board of Education,
8 where she served with distinction from 2001 to 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, She later took on a new venture by stepping in as
10 General Manager of Quail Creek Country Club in Robinson,
11 bringing stability and leadership to one of south central
12 Illinois' premier golf courses and resorts; and

13 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal's latest professional venture led
14 her to a three and a half year tenure as President of Lincoln
15 Trail College in Robinson; among her greatest accomplishments
16 at Lincoln Trail was the establishment of a long-sought welding
17 program to benefit the growing technical and vocational needs
18 of Crawford County and the surrounding area; and

19 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal holds Bachelor's, Master's, and
20 Specialist Degrees from Eastern Illinois University; in April
21 of 2010, she was recognized with the EIU Distinguished Graduate

1 Alumni Award for her tireless work for the betterment of
2 Illinois' public schools; she credits her much-needed receipt
3 of an EIU undergraduate scholarship as the catalyst for her
4 chosen career path; and

5 WHEREAS, Beverly Turkal has served as a model of hard work,
6 integrity, dedication, and success for the people of the State
7 of Illinois; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Beverly Turkal on the occasion of her retirement
11 from a lifetime of devotion to education and wish her many
12 happy and healthy retirement years; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Beverly Turkal as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.