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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Philip D. Bellini on the occasion of his retirement from a long and distinguished career as an educator; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Bellini is retiring as principal of St. Andrew Catholic Grade School in Rock Falls after 28 years of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Bellini's career has spanned 45 years, a length of time so long that four St. Andrew teachers were once his students; and

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WHEREAS, Under Phil Bellini's leadership, St. Andrew's enrollment doubled with the addition of seventh and eighth grades, as well as pre-kindergarten; and

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WHEREAS, While serving as principal at St. Andrew, Phil Bellini also served as superintendent of Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling from 1993 to 1999; prior to his service at St. Andrew, he was employed as a teacher and principal at Montmorency School in Rock Falls; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Bellini is affectionately known as "Mr. B" by

1 many generations of students; and

2 WHEREAS, Phil Bellini is a strong believer in Catholic
3 education; he graduated from St. Andrew in 1958 and later
4 graduated from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil Bellini is an active member of St. Andrew
6 Catholic Church, having served as a lector, Eucharistic
7 minister, and member of the choir; and

8 WHEREAS, Phil Bellini and his wife, Nita, will celebrate
9 their 40th wedding anniversary in 2011; they are the proud
10 parents of Nick, Mike, and Darren, and the loving grandparents
11 of two granddaughters; therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Phil Bellini as a symbol of our esteem and
19 respect.