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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Sam H. McGowen  
4 on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of  
5 Mascoutah Community Unit School District #19; and

6           WHEREAS, Sam McGowen earned his bachelor's degree in social  
7 studies with a minor in English from Southeast Missouri State  
8 University in 1966; he subsequently earned his master's degree  
9 and specialist degree in educational administration from  
10 Southeast Missouri State University and his doctorate in  
11 educational administration from St. Louis University; and

12           WHEREAS, Sam McGowen has served in the education field for  
13 45 years; he began his career as a social studies teacher in  
14 Bonne Terre, Missouri in 1967; after serving as a teacher and  
15 administrator in numerous Missouri schools, he accepted the  
16 position of Superintendent of Paris School District #95 in  
17 1988; in 1994, he took the position of Superintendent of  
18 Mascoutah Community Unit School District #19, where he remained  
19 until his retirement on June 30, 2012; and

20           WHEREAS, During his tenure as Superintendent, Sam McGowen  
21 presided over a period of student growth in the district while  
22 promoting a vision statement that emphasized a "Community of

1     Excellent Schools"; student enrollment during his tenure  
2     swelled from 2,700 students to over 3,600; numerous additions  
3     and renovations to the district's facilities were also  
4     completed during his tenure; and

5           WHEREAS, Sam McGowen retired from the Missouri Army  
6     National Guard at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on September  
7     of 1993 after 27 years of active and reserve service; at the  
8     time of his retirement, he served as the Operations Officer of  
9     the Missouri Army National Guard's 35th Engineer Brigade; and

10           WHEREAS, Sam McGowen is a member of the American  
11     Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Association  
12     of School Administrators, the Illinois State Board of Education  
13     Accreditation Review Team, the Illinois Association of School  
14     Boards, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials,  
15     Phi Delta Kappa, the Military Impacted Schools Association, the  
16     National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, the  
17     Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development,  
18     Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative Executive  
19     Committee, the St. Clair County/SWIC Regional Vocation System  
20     Board of Control, the Retired National Guard Association, the  
21     Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Mascoutah, and the  
22     Mascoutah First Baptist Church; and

23           WHEREAS, A retirement reception in honor of Sam McGowen

1 will be held at the Mascoutah High School Cafeteria on May 24,  
2 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Sam McGowen serves as a model of hard work,  
4 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
5 Illinois; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Dr. Sam H. McGowen on the occasion of his  
9 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement  
10 years; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Sam McGowen as a symbol of our esteem and respect.