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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kim Angela
4 Murph-Sims on the occasion of her retirement as principal of
5 Bouchet International School and recognize her nearly 34 years
6 of being dedicated to education within the Chicago Public
7 Schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Kim Murph-Sims has served as a teacher, reading
9 specialist, curriculum coordinator, TESL teacher, and
10 assistant principal and is currently the principal at Bouchet
11 International School (formerly Bouchet Math and Science
12 Academy, formerly Bryn Mawr Elementary); she has been the
13 instructional leader at Bouchet International School for the
14 past 7 years and her educational experience has enabled her to
15 craft a curriculum that strategically drives instruction; her
16 commitment to help all students reach their best potential has
17 been the cornerstone of her ongoing success; as an
18 administrator, she has mentored countless numbers of teachers,
19 overseen a diverse staff, and facilitated professional
20 development specifically designed to close the achievement
21 gap; and

22 WHEREAS, Kim Murph-Sims always has a visible presence in
23 her school as principal, but she is, at her core, a teacher; it

1 is not unusual to see her taking part in classroom discussions
2 and challenging students to continue their learning outside of
3 the school; and

4 WHEREAS, Kim Murph-Sims has crafted and sustained numerous
5 programs at Boucher International School such the Academic
6 Olympics, the Young Authors Competition, the annual Spelling
7 Bee, Singapore Math, lesson studies, horizontal and vertical
8 articulation of curriculum using a transdisciplinary approach,
9 Parent University workshops, Creative Curriculum for
10 Preschool, Fuel Up to Play 60 (Healthy Choices Program), a
11 Garden Room that bridges science and agricultural awareness, a
12 Chicago Bulls grant-Energiza Bulls Fitness Center, Youth
13 Guidance, Check and Connect (Attendance Incentives Program), a
14 Gospel Choir, Chinese Kite Making, world language studies in
15 Spanish, an Art Link Program that includes video conferencing
16 with students in other countries, and the Children's Literacy
17 Initiative; and

18 WHEREAS, Kim Murph-Sims believes that the connection
19 between school and community is essential for educational
20 development and success; she has worked closely with the Black
21 United Fund of Illinois, Fulfilling Our Responsibility Unto
22 Mankind, the RALD Institute, the Allstate Insurance Company,
23 the Chicago Police Department-District 3, 5th Ward Alderwoman
24 Leslie Hariston, and many education advocacy groups to achieve

1 this goal; and

2 WHEREAS, Kim Murph-Sims time at Bouchet International
3 School has seen tremendous advancement; student growth has
4 increased by double digits on standardized tests and the school
5 has been transformed from a math and science academy to an
6 institution with a more global perspective towards education;
7 the school is in its candidacy phase to become an authorized
8 International Baccalaureate World School that provides a
9 Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme, with a
10 continuum of the MYP and Diploma Program; and

11 WHEREAS, A reception honoring Kim Murph-Sims's retirement
12 will be held on October 25, 2013 at The Beverly Country Club in
13 Chicago; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Kim Angela Murph-Sims as she retires from her
17 position of principal at Bouchet International School after 33
18 years in education; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Kim Murph-Sims as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.