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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Joy Allen on the
4 occasion of her retirement from her position as Central
5 Catholic High School principal after 23 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Joy Allen began serving as Central Catholic High
7 School principal in June of 1991, and will step down on June
8 30, 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, Joy Allen has brought many changes to Central
10 Catholic during her tenure; she has developed a broader
11 curriculum to better serve all academic levels of learning at
12 her school, increased AP offerings, and brought Heartland
13 Community College to the school's campus; she planned and
14 managed the study of a new school campaign, oversaw the
15 direction of an active campaign in 2001, helped design and make
16 decisions on a new school campus on Airport Road, and was
17 actively involved from the beginning to end with the
18 construction of a new building, with Central Catholic opening
19 its new doors in the Fall of 2003; she has seen enrollment go
20 from 213 students in 1991 to a high of 423 in 2009, and now
21 stands at 346; and

22 WHEREAS, Joy Allen also oversaw developments in numerous

1 other departments at Central Catholic; she supervised the
2 campaign and construction of the Bill Hundman Memorial Stadium
3 for the football and track programs, with it opening in the
4 Fall of 2005; and her commitment to Fine Arts is apparent with
5 the band and music program growing from 9 students in 1991 to
6 47 students in the choir and 43 in the band as of this year; and

7 WHEREAS, Joy Allen has looked towards new and innovative
8 strategies to support the school's financial needs; she started
9 the Dream House Raffle in 1993 and successfully ran the raffle
10 to fund tuition scholarships and a student work program for
11 those qualifying for financial assistance, with the fund now at
12 over \$1,000,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Joy Allen has received many awards and
14 recognitions over the years; she received the Benemerenti Medal
15 in the Fall of 2013 for her long and exceptional service to the
16 Catholic Church, her most cherished of them all; therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Joy Allen as she retires from her position as
21 Central Catholic High School principal, and we wish her the
22 best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Joy Allen as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.