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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joliet Central High
4 School Principal John Randich on the occasion of his retirement
5 after 39 years of service in the education field; and

6 WHEREAS, John Randich has over 39 years of educational
7 experience, with 34 of those years being dedicated to Joliet
8 Township High School District (JTHS) 204; and

9 WHEREAS, John Randich is in his final year as principal at
10 JTHS and will be leaving a legacy of success that will continue
11 to impact generations of students, parents, staff, and the
12 community; he has been involved in 3 of the district's
13 strategic plans (5-year cycles), the passage of a referendum to
14 build field houses, construction of a field house and new
15 student center, and the implementation of the academy
16 structure; and

17 WHEREAS, John Randich led an innovative educational reform
18 that resulted in JTHS becoming the first public school district
19 in Illinois to add community service as a graduation
20 requirement; he was instrumental in making JTHS a Chicago
21 Tribune Top Workplace for the last 3 consecutive years; he
22 worked with JTHS students and staff as JTHS became one of the

1 first high schools in the nation to collaborate in a book study
2 with author Sean Covey regarding character education for teens,
3 and, in 1998, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" was
4 released, celebrated with a book signing at Barnes and Nobles;
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6 WHEREAS, John Randich has facilitated numerous
7 presentations and events held at sender schools and community
8 organizations such as the NAACP, neighborhood associations,
9 and the Joliet Region Interfaith Education Council; he is a
10 member of the Joliet City Center Partnership and actively
11 contributes to the JTHS Foundation as the Co-Chair of the Major
12 Gifts Committee; his relationship with the City Center resulted
13 in the inclusion of Joliet Central as a destination point in
14 the downtown city walking tour, which tells the story of
15 historic destinations in Joliet; and

16 WHEREAS, The school culture that John Randich has created
17 has led to several awards, including the Illinois State Board
18 of Education (ISBE) Academic Improvement Award for Joliet
19 Central's significant improvement in State test scores, and the
20 district's AP Achievement Award; in 2012, he was awarded
21 "Steelman of the Year" by the athletic boosters, and, in 2011,
22 the University of St. Francis named him as one of the 90 most
23 influential graduates; in 2014, he received the ISBE Award of
24 Excellence for School Administration; and

1 WHEREAS, John Randich is the first Joliet Central High
2 School graduate to become the school's principal and his 2 sons
3 are fourth generation JTHS alumni; he is a first generation
4 college graduate and a life-long resident of Joliet; therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Joliet Central High School Principal John Randich
9 on his retirement after 39 years of service in the education
10 field; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to John Randich as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.