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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Kelly Stewart on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of Benton
5 Consolidated High School; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly Stewart grew up in Benton and graduated
7 from Benton Consolidated High School; she subsequently
8 attended Rend Lake College and completed her bachelor's degree
9 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she later
10 earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction and
11 her doctorate in educational administration; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly Stewart began her career at Vienna
13 Junior High as a math teacher, where she also coached girls
14 basketball and softball, leading both teams to awards at the
15 State level; she eventually moved to administration as
16 Assistant Principal of Harrisburg High School and served as one
17 of the first female athletic directors in Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, After serving as Principal at Carterville, Dr.
19 Kelly Stewart became Superintendent of Benton Consolidated
20 High School, where she has been an innovative leader and has
21 brought new technology, programs, and advanced curriculums to
22 students in times of financial and budget hardships; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly Stewart is well known and respected in
2 the community, serving on the Benton/West City Economic
3 Development Board; she has also worked with the Franklin County
4 Board to bring millions of dollars to Benton Consolidated High
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly Stewart was appointed to the State
7 Parent Leadership Council by 2 Illinois Governors; she also
8 completed the prestigious Illinois School for Advanced
9 Leadership in 2012 and was named the 2014 Superintendent of the
10 Year for the State of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, After more than 20 years in school administration
12 serving in a variety of roles in the Southern Illinois
13 educational system, including as a teacher, principal, coach,
14 and athletic director, Dr. Kelly Stewart continues to provide
15 mentoring and leadership to new superintendents and educators
16 across the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Dr. Kelly Stewart on the occasion of her
20 retirement as Superintendent of Benton Consolidated High
21 School and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors;
22 and be it further

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