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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jose Barrera on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as principal of Columbia Explorers  
5 Academy; and

6           WHEREAS, Jose Barrera graduated from Pulaski Elementary  
7 School, Tuley High School, and the School of the Art Institute  
8 of Chicago; and

9           WHEREAS, Jose Barrera began as a bilingual teacher at  
10 Robert Burns Elementary School and James Shields Elementary  
11 School; he then became the bilingual coordinator and later  
12 assistant principal of James Shields Elementary School; in  
13 December of 2000, he became the principal of Columbia Explorers  
14 Academy; and

15           WHEREAS, Jose Barrera was twice awarded the Principal  
16 Leadership Award from the Chicago Board of Education; he also  
17 received the Superior Public Service Award for the City of  
18 Chicago from the Chicago Board of Education; and

19           WHEREAS, Jose Barrera has exhibited his work at the Day of  
20 the Dead Exhibit at the National Museum of Mexican Art and at  
21 the Bare Walls Exhibit for the School of the Art Institute of

1 Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, Jose Barrera has served as police officer and a  
3 SWAT officer and has trained with the Cook County Sheriff's  
4 Police, the Chicago Police, the Illinois State Police, and the  
5 FBI; and

6 WHEREAS, Jose Barrera and his wife, Evelyn, have 3  
7 children, Michelle (Edward) Melone, Jennifer (Mark) Madden,  
8 and Jose, Jr. Barrera, and 4 grandchildren, Lorenzo, Marco,  
9 Mikayla, and Mikenna; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate Jose Barrera on his retirement as principal of  
13 Columbia Explorers Academy and we wish him the best in all his  
14 future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to  
17 Jose Barrera as an expression of our esteem and respect.