

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives would like to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Pickles, superintendent of schools
6 in North Chicago, Illinois, is being honored as The Most
7 Influential African American of Lake County for the Year
8 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Pickles has brought a revitalizing
10 spirit to the North Chicago Community School District #187;
11 through her leadership as chief executive officer, she has
12 turned a nearly financially and spiritually bankrupt
13 organization into a progressive institution of learning in
14 the North Chicago community; and

15 WHEREAS, The North Chicago Community School District has
16 a student body of 4,840 pupils, 480 staff members and serves
17 Great Lakes Naval Training Center; and

18 WHEREAS, In her years as the district's chief executive
19 officer, Dr. Pickles initiated and secured funds for the
20 district's largest construction project - building one new
21 school and extending and reconfiguring six others, her
22 influence has captured the attention of local and regional
23 legislatures who rallied around the district's plan for
24 improvements; she oversaw the implementation of the State's
25 first grades K-12 mandatory uniform dress code policy,
26 presented at National School Boards Association in March
27 2000, and published in American School Administrator's
28 Magazine in December 2000; she established and utilized
29 technology to create management information systems to make
30 informed decisions; she updated and revitalized policies,
31 administrative procedures, curriculum guides and adult
32 education programs that had been dormant for over ten years;

1 she expanded the district's preschool and early childhood
2 programs; she initiated the "Substitute in Uniform Program"
3 with officers from Great Lakes Naval Training Center; she
4 provided leadership in negotiating the district's/county's
5 first five-year teacher union contract; and she led the
6 district to develop its first performance based compensation
7 plan for teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, Selected honors, awards and coalitions that have
9 been bestowed on Dr. Pickles include: receiving the Most
10 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Illinois Community College
11 Trustees; being selected by United States Congressman John
12 Porter to serve on Select Screening Committee for the United
13 States Military Academy; being recognized by the 100 Black
14 Men of Chicago, Inc. for outstanding contributions in
15 education; she was one of thirty administrators invited from
16 the United States and the United Kingdom to present at the
17 Oxford International Round Table on "Leadership and the
18 Change Process" Article to be incorporated in textbooks used
19 in Education Administration Classes; and receiving the 1st
20 Crown Award, honoring women making a difference from Top
21 Ladies of Distinction; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Pickles will be honored in a ceremony at The
23 Ramada Inn in Waukegan, Illinois on February 3, 2001 in which
24 she will be recognized as the Most Influential African
25 American of Lake County for the year 2001; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Dr. Patricia Pickles for her many
29 accomplishments and being selected as the Most Influential
30 African American of Lake County for the Year 2001; and be it
31 further

32 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Dr. Patricia Pickles as an expression of our
2 esteem.