

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Jacob W. Getzels, who passed away  
5 on April 7, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Getzel was an education expert who helped  
7 develop educational administration into a respected field of  
8 science inquiry in the 1960s; he also completed  
9 groundbreaking research on the nature of creativity in the  
10 1970s; and

11 WHEREAS, Jacob W. Getzels was a native of Bialystok,  
12 Poland, and he was raised in New York City; he received his  
13 bachelor's degree in English from Brooklyne College in 1935,  
14 his master's degree in English and comparative literature  
15 from Columbia University in 1939, and his doctorate in social  
16 relations from Harvard University in 1951; from 1942 until  
17 1945, he worked on the assessment staff of the United States  
18 Army of Strategic Services; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1951, Dr. Getzels joined the faculty at the  
20 University of Chicago where he brought an eclectic approach  
21 to the studies of understanding and cognition, the grouping  
22 questions of education, educational administration, and the  
23 acquisition of values in the field of behavioral science; his  
24 research into creativity of children and problem solving  
25 among artists established a new line of intelligence tests  
26 and surveys that measures the intelligence levels of high  
27 school students; his research continues to influence the  
28 current studies of both artistic processes and cognition  
29 among our country's younger generation; and

30 WHEREAS, During his tenure at the University of Chicago,  
31 Dr. Getzels co-authored four books and dozens of articles,  
32 which include "The Use of Theory in Educational

1 Administration" and "Administration as a Social Process"; he  
2 also served as a mentor for generations of students; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Getzels served as on the Research Advisory  
4 Council in the United States Office of Education from 1964  
5 until 1967, as a consultant to the White House Conference on  
6 Education in 1965, and on the President's Task Force on  
7 Talent in Education in 1967; he was a member of the American  
8 cultural team that toured the Soviet Union in 1960, and a  
9 member of the United States education delegation to the  
10 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in  
11 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Getzels served on the Council of Scholars of  
13 the Library of Congress, the President's Science Advisory  
14 Committee, the board of directors of the National Society for  
15 the Study of Education, and as the vice president of the  
16 National Academy of Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Getzels was the recipient of the Nicholas  
18 Murray Butler Medal from Columbia University in 1978; he  
19 served on the board of the Spencer Foundation in Chicago; and  
20 served on a fellowship in the early 1960s at the Center for  
21 Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto,  
22 California; and

23 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Jacob Getzels, known to  
24 family and friends as "Jack", will be deeply felt by all who  
25 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Judith Nelson  
26 Getzels, also known as "Petey"; his daughters, Katherine and  
27 Julie; his son, Peter; his brother, Irving; and his six  
28 grandchildren; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
30 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
31 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Dr. Jacob  
32 W. Getzels; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2   presented to the family of Dr. Jacob W. Getzels with our  
3   sincere condolences.