

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Elizabeth
6 Aldridge is retiring after a 47-year teaching career at the
7 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aldridge began her teaching career at the
9 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in 1954; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aldridge is an accomplished vocalist and
11 music lover who integrates music into her regular classroom
12 routine; her students are exposed to a myriad of musical
13 styles and begin learning to make music of their own using
14 simple instruments; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aldridge's dedication to her students has
16 led her to write and Braille several books; over the years,
17 she has personally adapted numerous toys and school supplies
18 to meet the educational needs of her students; even on her
19 well-deserved vacations, she is constantly looking for items
20 she can bring back to her classroom to help the children
21 understand different parts of the world; and

22 WHEREAS, Life skills are an important part of the
23 instruction for visually impaired children; after 47 years,
24 Mrs. Aldridge has developed a style of teaching that is at
25 the same time both strict and adaptable; her no-nonsense
26 approach has helped many children develop self-help skills
27 that most sighted children acquire simply by watching others;
28 yet she is flexible when the situation calls for it, making
29 sure the children have fun learning; and

30 WHEREAS, The teaching profession has changed enormously
31 over the past 47 years, yet Mrs. Aldridge's dedication to her

1 students and love for teaching has not wavered; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Elizabeth Aldridge on her retirement after a
6 47-year teaching career at the Illinois School for the
7 Visually Impaired and we wish her well in all of her future
8 endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Elizabeth Aldridge as an expression of our
11 esteem.