

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased 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 Mary Ellen
6 Lesh is retiring from Christ the King School in Springfield
7 after 36 years of dedicated service; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh began her teaching career as a
9 volunteer tutor, but was soon drafted into teaching the third
10 grade, where she remained throughout her career; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh faced the challenges when Christ
12 the King was bursting with its peak enrollment of 831
13 students; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh has witnessed many changes at
15 Christ the King, including the building of the new church,
16 changing enrollments, several principals, and the building of
17 a new parish center and gymnasium; and

18 WHEREAS, Through all the changes at Christ the King
19 School, Mary Ellen Lesh has remained a "Catholic school
20 principal's dream: committed, cheery, and caring"; and

21 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh was instrumental in the
22 establishment of St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh was born in Skokie, Illinois to
25 Irish immigrants Emily and Patrick McNeely; she has resided
26 in Springfield since 1963 and is the mother of Erin (husband,
27 Jon) Bauman, Molly (husband, Tom) Rockford, and the late
28 Danny Lesh, and grandmother of Jon, Molly, Emily, and Megan
29 Bauman; and

30 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh is proud of her Irish heritage

1 and lists St. Patrick's Day as her favorite holiday; she
2 enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, reading, and
3 bicycling; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Lesh plans to spend her retirement
5 traveling, tackling household projects, and spending time
6 with her family and friends; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Mary Ellen Lesh on her retirement after 36
10 years of dedication and service to Christ the King School in
11 Springfield and we wish her well in all of her future
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Mary Ellen Lesh as an expression of our esteem.