

## 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 Edwin Finney  
6 of St. Anne, Illinois, is the recipient of the 2001 Lowe  
7 School Board Member Recognition Award; and

8 WHEREAS, The Lowe School Board Member Recognition Award  
9 is an honor recently established by the Pledge for Life  
10 Partnership in memory of Dorothea Lowe, mother of Illinois  
11 First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan, who served on the Aroma Park  
12 School Board and gave countless hours to making the greater  
13 Kankakee area a safer and healthier place to live; the award  
14 was dedicated to recognize school board members from Kankakee  
15 and Iroquois counties who mirror her dedication; and

16 WHEREAS, A native of Hudson, New York, Mr. Finney has  
17 been a resident of St. Anne since 1969; he holds a degree in  
18 ceramic engineering from Alfred University in Alfred, New  
19 York, and has built and managed brickyards in Ohio, Iowa,  
20 Indiana, and Illinois; he is retired from Crown Cork and Seal  
21 in Bradley; and

22 WHEREAS, For the last 20 years, Mr. Finney has served as  
23 the Papineau Township supervisor and he is a past president  
24 of the Iroquois County Township Officials; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Finney has been a member of the St. Anne  
26 Community High School Board of Education for 18 years,  
27 including two terms as president; he also served on the  
28 collective bargaining committee and presently is a member of  
29 the school's Climate Committee and the School Improvement  
30 Advisory Team; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Finney's most impressive accomplishment is

1 his dedication to the students at St. Anne Community High  
2 School; over the years, he has been present at over 500  
3 social and athletic events, provided rides for students in  
4 need of transportation and has chaperoned every dance in  
5 recent memory; he is also active in the Reading is  
6 Fundamental program and is a volunteer tutor and test  
7 proctor; in addition, he rarely misses any sports event and  
8 has taken over the responsibility of selling tickets at all  
9 the home basketball games; he was recently designated "St.  
10 Anne High School's biggest Cardinals fan"; and

11 WHEREAS, Every year, Mr. Finney faithfully helps out with  
12 fundraisers, provides the vehicle needed to pull the  
13 International Club's float each year at the annual St. Anne  
14 Pumpkin Festival and continually opens his home for student  
15 gatherings; and

16 WHEREAS, Two of Edwin Finney's children graduated from  
17 St. Anne Community High School and he and his wife Pat have  
18 hosted 18 foreign exchange students over the last two  
19 decades; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we honor Edwin Finney for his dedication, compassion, and  
23 devoted service to the faculty, staff, and students at St.  
24 Anne Community High School and on being the recipient of the  
25 2001 Lowe School Board Member Recognition Award; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to Edwin Finney as an expression of our esteem.