

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Michael Cain
6 of Urbana, Illinois, is retiring from his duties as
7 Superintendent of Champaign Community Schools Unit District
8 #4 on February 28, 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Cain was born on November 8, 1946, in
10 Champaign; he and his wife Jane are the parents of two
11 children, Sara and Timothy; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain earned his Bachelor's and Master's
13 degree in Education from Western Illinois University and an
14 Advanced Certificate in Educational Administration from the
15 University of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain became the Principal of South Side
17 Elementary School in 1976 and moved to Westview Elementary
18 School as Principal in 1979; in 1982, he became the Principal
19 of Colombia/Franklin Magnet Middle School; in 1990, Mr. Cain
20 became the Director of Elementary Curriculum for Unit #4,
21 then Director of Curriculum in 1992; in 1993, he attained the
22 position of Assistant Superintendent until 1997, when he
23 became the Superintendent of Unit #4; throughout his career,
24 he remained within Champaign Community Schools Unit District
25 #4 and devoted his energy to improving the education standard
26 for the district; and

27 WHEREAS, For his outstanding efforts in education, Mr.
28 Cain received the Outstanding Young Educator Award from the
29 Champaign Jaycees; some of Mr. Cain's many accomplishments
30 include the passage of school bond issues, the development
31 and implementation of a performance based administrative

1 evaluation program for principals, the development, at the
2 request of the Chamber of Commerce, of criteria for the
3 establishment of Project Partners, a business/education
4 partnership program, and the implementation of Project Even
5 Start, which is a collaborative effort between local schools
6 that provide family literacy opportunities to parents and
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain developed various at-risk student
9 programs such as peer mediation programs for elementary and
10 middle school students and the Truant Alternative Optional
11 Education Program; he developed the Summer School and
12 Extended Day programs, the Student Assistance Program at the
13 middle and high school levels, and the Reading Recovery
14 program that provides intensive reading instruction to first
15 grade students; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain expanded the Get Ready Early Childhood
17 Program for children ages 3-5 who are at risk of academic
18 failure; this program is child and family-centered and
19 focuses on the total development of the preschooler; it is
20 funded through a State grant of over \$600,000 and currently
21 serves more than 350 students; and

22 WHEREAS, Michael Cain developed the Champaign-Urbana
23 Early Model Parent Training Program and various other
24 programs that stress the importance of the parent as a
25 teacher and parent-child relationships; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain incorporated the latest technology into
27 education by working closely with the National Center for
28 Supercomputing Applications and providing the district with
29 high-speed internet capabilities for students and staff,
30 among other technology-related development opportunities; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain is on the Busey Bank President's
32 Council, a member of the American Association of School

1 Administrators, the Association for Supervision and
2 Curriculum Development, the United Way of Champaign County,
3 where he is the regional coordinator, the Large Unit District
4 Association, and the Advisory Board for Volunteer Illini
5 Projects; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Michael Cain for his years of dedicated
9 service to Champaign Community Schools Unit District #4, and
10 wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
12 to Michael Cain as an expression of our esteem.