

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 Dr. Richard P.
6 DuFour is retiring from his duties as superintendent of Adlai
7 E. Stevenson High School District 125 at the end of the
8 2001-2002 school year; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard P. DuFour has served as the
10 superintendent of Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125
11 since 1991; from 1983 to 1991, he was the school's principal;
12 during his 19-year tenure, Stevenson High School has been
13 selected as one of America's best high schools on 12
14 occasions; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. DuFour is the only school administrator in
16 Illinois to receive the State's highest award as both a
17 principal and superintendent; he has earned the Alumni
18 Achievement Award from Illinois State University and was
19 named as one of the "Top 100" school administrators in the
20 nation by Executive Educator magazine; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. DuFour is the author of four books, numerous
22 professional articles, and a featured column in the Journal
23 of Staff Development; he is the lead consultant and is
24 featured in three video series for principals and other
25 school leaders; in addition, he led an Illinois task force
26 created to reform the recruitment, preparation, licensure,
27 and continuing professional development of educational
28 personnel in the State of Illinois; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. DuFour has conducted institutes for the
30 National Association of Secondary Schools, the Association of
31 Supervisors and Curriculum Developers, the National Staff

1 Development Council, and the American Association of School
2 Administrators; he has presented hundreds of workshops and
3 consulted with school districts across the United States,
4 Canada, and Japan; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. DuFour's other individual accomplishments
6 while at Stevenson High School include: being the first high
7 school principal in the State selected by the Illinois State
8 Board of Education for the Illinois Distinguished Educator
9 Award; being selected as the first high school educator
10 inducted into the "North Shore Walk of Fame," a tribute to
11 those in the suburban Chicago area whose achievements
12 improved the quality of life in the community; being the
13 recipient of the State Board of Education's "Break the Mold
14 Award" for superintendents whose leadership efforts in school
15 improvement serve as a model for others; being named
16 "Principal of the Year" for the Northern Illinois region by
17 the Illinois Principals Association; and being the recipient
18 of the Van Miller Award for "outstanding contributions
19 through actions or leadership to the field of education in
20 the State of Illinois", an award presented by the University
21 of Illinois and Illinois Association of School
22 Administrators; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. DuFour was the recipient of
24 Illinois State Board of Education's Excellence Award for
25 achievement as a school superintendent, presented
26 commendations from the Governor and the Illinois General
27 Assembly for "Outstanding Contributions to Education in
28 Illinois", selected as the first high school principal in the
29 nation invited to become a "fellow" of the National Center
30 for Effective Schools, and the only high school principal in
31 Illinois designated as an "Instructional Leader" by the
32 Illinois Principals Association; he was also awarded
33 membership in national honorary fraternities in history (Phi

1 Alpha Theta) and education (Phi Delta Kappa), had articles
2 chosen for The Best of the Developer (National Staff
3 Development Council), The Best of the Executive Educator
4 (Executive Educator magazine), and the "Hot Topic Series" of
5 Phi Delta Kappa; and Dr. DuFour received a citation from the
6 National Association of Secondary School Principals for
7 outstanding contribution to professional literature;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Dr. Richard P. DuFour on his retirement as
12 superintendent of Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125
13 and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Dr. Richard P. DuFour as an expression of our
17 esteem.