

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 Jim E. Taylor
6 is retiring from his position as Superintendent of Schools
7 for Zion Elementary School District #6 on June 30, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim E. Taylor was born on November 3, 1944 in
9 Marietta, Mississippi, to Prentiss and Eula Taylor; he moved
10 with his parents to Zion in 1951 for a short time and
11 attended Lakeview School before moving back to Mississippi
12 temporarily; the Taylors returned to Zion in 1952, where he
13 attended East Elementary School, Central Elementary School,
14 and Central Jr. High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor attended Zion-Benton Township High
16 School, where he still holds the scoring record for rebounds
17 (41) in one game; he also tied the scoring record of most
18 points (42) in one game on February 3, 1962; he was an
19 all-conference player in 1960-61 and 1961-62; after high
20 school, he attended Mississippi State on a full basketball
21 scholarship for two years; he earned his bachelor's degree
22 from Carthage College in 1967 and his master's degree from
23 Roosevelt University in 1973; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was elected to the Park District
25 Board in 1977 and served a six-year term until 1983; he was
26 elected to the City Council, where he served from 1983-1987
27 and from 1994 to the present day; and

28 WHEREAS, Jim Taylor has served 35 years with the Zion
29 Elementary School District #6; he began his career as a
30 physical education teacher at Central Jr. High School from
31 1967-1972; in 1972, he was appointed to the position of Dean

1 of Boys at Central Jr. High School until 1973 when he was
2 appointed Assistant Principal; in 1976, he was appointed
3 Principal of Lakeview School until it closed in 1977; he was
4 then appointed Principal of Central Jr. High School and
5 served in that capacity until 1997 when he was appointed to
6 fill the position of Superintendent of Schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Taylor was named one of the "Outstanding
8 Young Men of America" in 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Taylor married Lynette in 1968; they are the
10 proud parents of Tammy, Tonya, Tiffany, and Tara; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Jim E. Taylor on his retirement as
15 Superintendent of Schools for Zion Elementary School District
16 #6 and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Jim E. Taylor was an expression of our esteem.