

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Representative Dale A.
4 Righter on his service to the people of the 106th District;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Righter received a Bachelor of
7 Arts from Eastern Illinois University and his Juris Doctor at
8 St. Louis University School of Law; he and his wife Teresa
9 reside in Mattoon; he has two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Righter has been a champion for
12 local families and schools; he authored landmark education
13 reform legislation improving funding for schools, including a
14 \$3 billion school construction bond program, and a \$330
15 million program to fund school repairs and technology
16 upgrades as well as classroom reform initiatives; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Righter fought for taxpayers'
18 right to know how their tax dollars are being spent as the
19 chief sponsor of the expansion of the Freedom of Information
20 Act; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Righter spearheaded a new law
22 expanding medical screening for newborn babies, helping to
23 ensure that they get off to a healthy start in life; the new
24 screening assists doctors in identifying and immediately
25 treating a broader range of genetic and metabolic disorders
26 that may pose serious health risks; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Righter was a key sponsor of a
28 law that expanded crucial prescription assistance programs
29 for seniors in need; the law allows more seniors to be
30 eligible for prescription assistance and increases the amount
31 of assistance available, as well as adding medications for

1 the treatment of cancer, lung disease and smoking-related
2 illnesses, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease and
3 glaucoma to the list of medications covered under the
4 Illinois Circuit Breaker program; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Righter has received numerous
6 awards for his hard work and dedicated service from a wide
7 variety of groups; he was named the 2002 Representative of
8 the Year by ABATE, a Legislator of the Year in 2002 by the
9 Illinois Health Care Association, and the 2002 Champion of
10 Free Enterprise by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House of
13 Representatives, Representative Righter has served on
14 numerous committees including the Committees on Judiciary I -
15 Civil Law (Spokesperson); Computer Technology; Financial
16 Institutions; Committee of the Whole; Higher Education; State
17 Government Administration; and State Procurement; and

18 WHEREAS, While Representative Righter will be sorely
19 missed by his friends and colleagues in the House of
20 Representatives, families in Central Illinois are fortunate
21 that they will have his continued representation in the
22 Illinois Senate; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate Representative Dale A. Righter on a job well
26 done; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to Representative Righter, along with our best
29 regards.