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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor and congratulate Kathy Lynn Wear
4 on her retirement from teaching and school administration at
5 the Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to Frank
7 and Viola (Tipsword) Kabbes on August 20, 1955; she grew up in
8 Effingham and graduated as valedictorian of her class at St.
9 Anthony High School; she graduated from Quincy College in 1977
10 with high honors; and

11 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear's first teaching job was at Maine North
12 High School in Glenview from 1977 to 1981; and

13 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear married James Wear on August 20, 1981
14 in Effingham and they moved to Springfield, where she taught at
15 Blessed Sacrament School from 1981 to 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear then chose to stay home and nurture her
17 three children, Sarah born June 30, 1983, Adam born September
18 30, 1985, and Jacob born January 5, 1986, all of whom attended
19 Blessed Sacrament School; all three were accomplished students
20 like their mother and now serve as public accountants; and

1 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear returned to teaching English at Blessed
2 Sacrament School in 1993; she was chosen as principal of the
3 school in 2002 and has served in that capacity since then;
4 during this time, she obtained her Master's in School
5 Administration; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear has been a dedicated, supportive,
7 caring, creative, and compassionate leader at Blessed
8 Sacrament School, not only to her students, but also to the
9 teachers and staff; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear has successfully guided Blessed
11 Sacrament School through an exciting period of growth and
12 expansion, both for the school campus and environment, but also
13 with the number of students, now totaling 515 students from
14 preschool through 8th grade, and over 50 teachers and staff
15 members; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathy Wear exemplifies and lives out the school's
17 mission of students "learning to make a difference" through a
18 Catholic education that nurtures the whole student - body,
19 mind, and spirit - and encourages each to develop a lifelong
20 personal relationship with Christ in a caring community; and

21 WHEREAS, It would be impossible to count the number of
22 sporting events, geography and spelling bees, plays and

1 musicals, and numerous other activities that Kathy Wear
2 attended to see her students perform and cheer them on; it
3 would be easier to count the very few she did miss; and

4 WHEREAS, Now a grandmother, Kathy Wear is ready, after 25
5 years of service as a teacher, parent, and principal to Blessed
6 Sacrament School, to enjoy retirement, travel with her husband,
7 Jim, and spend time with her wonderful children, their
8 families, and her beautiful grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, The entire Blessed Sacrament School family - and
10 it is truly a family - will miss her smile and her support
11 every day and are grateful for her years of service and the
12 many wonderful memories they have of her; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 honor Kathy Lynn Wear for her 25 years of dedicated service to
16 Blessed Sacrament School and to her community; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Kathy Wear as a symbol of our respect and esteem.