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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Martha A. "Marti"
4 Bierdeman on the occasion of her retirement from East Peoria
5 Elementary School District 86, where she has been a fifth grade
6 teacher for gifted students; and

7 WHEREAS, Marti Bierdeman began her career at North County
8 Christian School in St. Louis, teaching sixth grade; she moved
9 to Elmwood Elementary School and began teaching fifth grade
10 math and science and coaching the girls basketball team; and

11 WHEREAS, Marti Bierdeman took a break from teaching to
12 raise her three children, Christopher, Katherine, and Cory,
13 with her husband, Paul; and

14 WHEREAS, Marti Bierdeman returned to teaching as a
15 substitute teacher at Peoria Christian School; from there she
16 took a position as a long-term substitute and then became a
17 full-time teacher at Paul Bolin Elementary School in District
18 86; she was given her own 5th grade class to teach in 1998 and
19 was then asked to teach the 5th grade gifted students in 2002;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Marti Bierdeman frequently brought exciting

1 learning experiences to her students with activities both
2 inside and outside the classroom, such as building Rube
3 Goldberg machines, mouse trap racers, and the rocket launch;
4 the Rube Goldberg machines won a local Engineer in the
5 Classroom Award four times and the statewide award twice; she
6 also coached the Lego League from 2006-2018, and the team
7 advanced to the Illinois State Tournament every year; and

8 WHEREAS, Marti Bierdeman's commitment to her students went
9 beyond learning activities; she applied for grants to further
10 her students' education and was able to secure grants from the
11 Toshiba America Foundation, PNC Teacher, and the District 86
12 Foundation; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of her dedication and achievement,
14 the East Peoria City Council named April 1, 2003 Marti
15 Bierdeman Day; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Martha A. "Marti" Bierdeman on her retirement
19 from Paul Bolin Elementary School, and we commend her lifelong
20 dedication to education; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented Marti Bierdeman as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.