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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize Dr. Patricia Pickles for her extensive accomplishments in the field of education and for the enormous contributions she has made to North Chicago Community Unit School District 187; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Dr. Pickles, District 187 made tremendous strides; some of the highlights of her tenure as superintendent include improving ISAT test scores in district by 64%; re-establishing adult night education classes, strengthening and expanding the preschool program, developing an internal quality review plan, creating a parents/school liaison position, implementing a uniform dress code policy, developing a District Administrative Procedures Manual, updating curriculum, increasing the number of elementary counselors, opening a new math and science academy for middle schoolers, completing the largest construction project in the history of the district, and helping to remove all schools of District 187 from the State's Academic Watch List; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Pickles has expended an extraordinary amount of energy in the accumulation of funds for educational purposes; she secured well over \$14,545,000 in funding for the school district over her almost 6 year tenure with the district; she has met with numerous State and federal government officials as well as national school organizations to discuss the progress and strategy that has been so successful in District 187; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Pickles clearly displays a sense of equality and idealism by insisting all childrens' academic standards be equally consistent; she has shown the courage to believe that academic change in a system is possible and then

1 relentlessly striven for that change; she has made tremendous
2 literary and educational contributions in her personal life
3 as well as her public life and has exhibited diligence in
4 professional development actions for educational instructors;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we commend Dr. Patricia Pickles for tireless work for the
9 North Chicago Community Unit School District 187 and for the
10 equality of students everywhere; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Patricia Pickles as a token of our respect
13 and esteem.