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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Margaret "Peggy" Reipsa is retiring June 30, 2006 from her position as Principal of Center School after 34 years of distinguished service as an educational professional for Orland School District 135; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reipsa attended Thornton Jr. College for 2
years before matriculating to Northern Illinois University
where, in 1972, she received a bachelor's degree in Education;
She received her Master's Degree in Special Education from
Chicago State University and later, her Administrative
Certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education through

12 coursework at St. Xavier University; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reipsa met her husband Charlie in high 14 school; they were married March 12, 1978 and have 2 wonderful 15 children, Lindsay and Joe; and

WHEREAS, In September 1977, Mrs. Reipsa began her career in District 135 as a Special Needs Resource Teacher at High Point School; she served in the same capacity at Doctor School, Orland Jr. High School, and Center School, switching to the Reading Recovery Program at Center School in the 1990s; in 1994, she worked at the District Office as the Assistant to the Instructional Services Director; on July 1, 1998 she returned to Center School to serve as Principal; and

WHEREAS, As a Special Education Teacher, Reading Teacher, Instructional Services Assistant, and Principal, Mrs. Reipsa has been a dedicated and tireless advocate for excellence in education for 34 years; her determination and devotion will be missed; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 30 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

- 1 we congratulate Peggy Reipsa on the occasion of her retirement
- 2 as Principal of Center School; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 4 presented to Mrs. Reipsa as an expression of our respect and
- 5 esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.