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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Melanie and Ed Bradley of Marion on the occasion of their retirements with a combined total of over 60 years in education; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Bradley holds an Associate of Arts degree from Southeastern Illinois College and a B.S. in education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; she has taught for 25 years in Harrisburg Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradley began teaching as a substitute teacher in the Harrisburg School District; prior to that she was a stay-at-home mom to the Bradley's two sons; she went on to teach language arts at the junior high level, then third grade, and has spent the last 16 years of her educational career as a kindergarten teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ed Bradley holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in educational administration, both from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he also did post-master's degree work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley began his teaching career at Eldorado High School in 1969; he moved to Harrisburg High School in 1970, and then to Malan Junior High School, where his administrative career began in 1987 as assistant principal; he became principal at Malan Junior High School in 1991; he received his superintendent endorsement in 1995 and became superintendent of the Cobden School District; he returned to the Harrisburg School District to serve as superintendent in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are very proud of their two sons, both attorneys, State Representative John Edward Bradley

1 who is married to Amy June Bradley, and Joshua Mark Bradley who
2 is engaged to Allison Austin; Melanie and Ed are the proud
3 grandparents of Jackson Edward and Joshua Gabriel; and

4 WHEREAS, During retirement, the Bradleys plan to travel,
5 fish, and play with their grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Melanie and Ed Bradley on the occasion of their
9 retirements, and we thank them for their many years devoted to
10 the education of young people; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley as an expression of our deep
13 respect and esteem.