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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize Lillie Sanders on the occasion of her retirement from the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders has been the Director of the Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) NCLB Title I Parent Resource Service Center (PRSC) since August of 2000; in this position, she has been responsible for citywide parental involvement; she planned the first town hall meeting for CPS in October of 2000, and subsequent meetings, forums, and symposiums are now standard programming by the CPS Parent Resource Service Center; these forums provide services for parents such as employment, housing information, literacy training, health and nutrition information, and a multitude of other services; she and the center's staff preside over annual parent graduations of more than 300 parents who receive diplomas for active participation in various schools during a semester; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving as director of the PRSC, Ms. Sanders taught the third, fifth, and sixth grades at Beethoven Elementary School, where she was nominated and received Teacher of the Year Awards from Congressman Danny K. Davis and the Reverend Jesse Jackson in 1999; she worked as teacher/coordinator for the CPS Young Parents Program from 1992 to 1994; the program enjoyed a record number of GED completions annually under her leadership; she also worked as a part-time adjunct professor at Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Among her other accomplishments were the roles she played in staffing the Jeffery Shopping Center as Assistant Director of Employment and Training at The Neighborhood Institute/South Shore Bank and as Director of Job Placement at MSTa Business College, where the job placement percentage ranged from 80% to 90% monthly; and

1 WHEREAS, She attended the University of Chicago at Circle
2 Campus; she graduated from Chicago State University with a
3 master's degree in education in 1983; she also completed
4 requirements for a master's degree in education administration
5 and supervision; she was in Who's Who Among Colleges and
6 Universities and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

7 WHEREAS, She is actively involved in community activities;
8 she is a member of the Chatham Business Association and is an
9 active member and volunteer of Rainbow/PUSH, where she works
10 collaboratively with Rainbow/PUSH's staff to plan and sponsor
11 NCLB Chicago Public Schools' Parent Retreats; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Lillie Sanders on the occasion of her
15 retirement; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Ms. Sanders as an expression of our esteem.