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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate U.S. Air Force
4 Senior Master Sergeant Frank R. Payton Jr. on his retirement
5 from Parkside Junior High School in Normal; and

6 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Payton was born in Tulsa,
7 Oklahoma on October 21, 1948; he is married to Rachel (Shull)
8 Payton; and

9 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Payton attended George
10 Washington Carver High School in Chicago and was very active in
11 the music and art programs; he was a member in the Black
12 History Club and the Human Relations Club and served as the
13 Vice President of the Senior Class; after graduating from high
14 school Sergeant Payton attended Wilson Junior College,
15 majoring in music; he received a Masters of Science Degree in
16 Music Education from the University of Illinois,
17 Champaign-Urbana; and

18 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Payton enlisted in the
19 United States Air Force in September 1968; his duty assignments
20 have included Lackland AFB, Keesler AFB, Vandenberg AFB, Tuy
21 Hoa, AB Vietnam and Phan Rang AB Vietnam; after completing his
22 tour in Vietnam, he returned stateside to Holloman AFB and

1 within four months returned overseas to Kume Shima AS in Japan;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Payton enlisted in the Air
4 Force Reserve in November 1972; in June 1974 he transferred to
5 the 182nd Communications Flight in Peoria; he then transferred
6 to the 566th Air Force Band in September 1976 and presently
7 serves as the Band Superintendent; during his career, Senior
8 Master Sergeant Payton has performed for the President of the
9 United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
10 Secretary of Defense, the Queen of Denmark and numerous other
11 elected officials; and

12 WHEREAS, After being released from active duty, Senior
13 Master Sergeant Payton enrolled at Illinois State University,
14 majoring in Music Education and Art; he graduated in August
15 1977 and later was employed as Director of Bands at Putnam
16 County High School; he is currently the Director of Bands at
17 Parkside Junior High School in Normal; and

18 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Payton is a member of Kappa
19 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and devotes time to the awarding of
20 scholarships to high school students in pursuit of furthering
21 their education; he also spends time at the Bloomington Humane
22 Society as a volunteer to care for homeless animals; and

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois have
2 benefited tremendously from his dedication to the teaching
3 profession, his direction of the Parkside Junior High School
4 Band programs, and his dedication to our country through his
5 service in the U.S. Air Force; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Senior Master Sergeant Frank R. Payton Jr. on his
9 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
10 future; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Senior Master Sergeant Frank R. Payton Jr. as a
13 symbol of our esteem and respect.