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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Carolyn
4 Griffin Palmer on the occasion of her retirement from the
5 Chicago Public Schools after 36 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer graduated from Calumet
7 High School; she earned her bachelor's degree from Jackson
8 State University and her master's degree from Roosevelt
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer began her career with the
11 Chicago Public Schools in 1972 as a physical education teacher,
12 working at Middle, Senn, and Corliss High Schools; she was
13 known for her cheerleading squads, winning many city, State,
14 and national championships; she also served as commentator for
15 half time activities during the high school championship
16 basketball games; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1986, Carolyn Griffin Palmer moved to
18 Olive-Harvey College, where she provided and assisted students
19 with college preparation and scholarships as Assistant Dean of
20 Student Affairs; she also served as project director of the
21 National Youth Sports Program, where she won 3 National
22 Excellence Awards; and

1 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer returned to the Chicago
2 Public Schools in 1996, serving as director of After School
3 Programs at Simeon Career Academy High School; as director, she
4 coordinated one of the first Saturday for credit programs for
5 seniors; in 2000, she became assistant principal of South Shore
6 High School; in 2002, she served as the assistant to the Area
7 Instructional Officer for Area 23; she then worked for the
8 central office as a troubleshooter, serving as interim
9 principal for Deneen and Washington Elementary Schools; and she
10 served as principal of Spencer Math and Science Academy at the
11 time of her retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer is active in many civic
13 organizations; she is a member of the Chicago Principal's
14 Association and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; she is a member
15 of the board of the New City Health Center; and she serves as
16 the Education Scholarship Chairman of the Quentin B. Garth
17 Foundation, a foundation that has raised millions of dollars
18 for aspiring college students; and

19 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer has received many awards in
20 honor of her accomplishments, including the Kizzy Award, an
21 induction into the Black Women's Hall of Fame, Outstanding
22 Educator and Role Model Awards, an Outstanding Educator Award
23 from U.S. Congressman Danny Davis, and a Life Time Achievement

1 Award from Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and

2 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer has been married to Isaac
3 Lavelle for 35 years; she is the proud mother of two daughters,
4 LaCael Palmer-Pratt and Karilyn Ellena, and her son-in-law,
5 Alex Pratt; and she is the loving grandmother of Alexander
6 Adonis Pratt; and

7 WHEREAS, Carolyn Griffin Palmer's dedication to her
8 profession and her willingness to serve her community make her
9 a model for the citizens of the State of Illinois; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Carolyn Griffin Palmer on the occasion of her
14 retirement and wish her continued success and happiness in the
15 future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Carolyn Griffin Palmer as a symbol of our respect
18 and esteem.