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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate William Lane
4 Harrison of Zion as he retires from Central Junior High School
5 in Zion; and

6 WHEREAS, Lane Harrison's family has lived in Zion almost
7 since it's founding in 1903; he is the son of William N. and
8 Dorothy Harrison; and

9 WHEREAS, Lane Harrison began kindergarten at East
10 Elementary in Zion (1954); he finished 6th grade at East and
11 then finished his elementary education completing the 8th grade
12 at Central Junior High in 1964; he continued his education by
13 attending Zion Benton Township High School, where he graduated
14 in 1968 and earned musician of the year honors; and

15 WHEREAS, He attended Mount Senario College in Ladysmith,
16 Wisconsin, where he was awarded a full music scholarship his
17 Junior and Senior years, and graduated in 1972; his musical
18 work has included vocal concerts including Sacred, Baroque, and
19 Classical music; he began his teaching career in Tony,
20 Wisconsin, in 1972 for the Tony Flambeau Schools; he was hired
21 a year later by the Holcombe Public Schools where he had
22 previously been a student teacher; and

1 WHEREAS, He returned home to Zion in 1976; he was hired by
2 by Dr. Wesley Shepherd in 1980 as the District Band Director
3 for the elementary schools; in 1986 he moved from Band to
4 Computer Director for the District; he has taught for 33 1/2
5 years, 28 of which were at his Junior High School alma mater,
6 Central Junior High, at Zion Elementary District 6; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1979 Lane Harrison was elected to the Zion
8 Benton Township High School Board of Education and served on
9 that board until his election to the Zion City Council in 1987;
10 he served as Commissioner of Public Property and then as the
11 Commissioner of Police and Fire until 1995; in 1995 he ran for
12 the office of Mayor and was defeated; he ran again for the
13 office of Mayor in 1999 and was elected with 70% of the vote;
14 he was elected to a second term as Mayor in 2003, having the
15 distinction of being the first Mayor of Zion to run unopposed;
16 on April 17, 2007 he was elected to a third term as Mayor; and

17 WHEREAS, Lane Harrison is married to Sheryl, originally
18 from Gurnee, and together they have 5 children and 3
19 grandchildren; he is retiring from his teaching career to begin
20 a new career as an outdoor sportsman; his love of hunting and
21 fishing will keep him occupied until he begins his next career
22 as the full-time Mayor of Zion in May of 2009; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Lane Harrison and wish him all the best in his
4 future endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to William Lane Harrison as a symbol of our respect.