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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. David Behlow on
4 the occasion of his appointment to serve as Superintendent of
5 the North Shore Elementary District in Highland Park on July 1,
6 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. David Behlow is a native of Wisconsin; he is a
8 graduate of the Sheboygan public schools and the University of
9 Wisconsin in Green Bay; he earned his Master's Degree in
10 Educational Administration and his Doctorate in Education from
11 the University of Wisconsin in Madison; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Behlow has had a long and distinguished career
13 in education; he began his career as a high school teacher;
14 three years later, he was appointed to serve as an
15 Administrative Associate; he was then offered a position as a
16 high school assistant principal, which led him to move to
17 Minnesota; in Minnesota, he began a 16-year career as a
18 principal, assistant superintendent of instruction, and
19 superintendent of schools; he then accepted a position as
20 superintendent of Oswego Community Unit School District 308,
21 where he served for more than 8 years until he was selected to
22 serve as Superintendent of the North Shore Elementary District
23 in December of 2008; and

1 WHEREAS, During Dr. Behlow's tenure as superintendent of
2 Oswego Community Unit School District 308, the district built
3 and opened its first school in the Village of Montgomery,
4 Lakewood Creek Elementary; he led the district through a period
5 of unprecedented growth, with the district growing from 9
6 schools and an enrollment of 7,785 students in 2001 to 19
7 schools, an enrollment of nearly 15,000 students, and a budget
8 in excess of \$246 million at the time of his departure; he kept
9 education as the district's primary goal by setting improvement
10 goals for each of the district's schools and then closely
11 monitoring them for favorable results; he also led successful
12 efforts to secure the community support needed to pass building
13 bond referendums, including one for \$450 million, and worked to
14 bring the district's management of its multiple building
15 projects into the 21st century; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Behlow has been an active member of numerous
17 service groups and organizations; he is vice-president of the
18 Oswego Economic Development Committee; he serves on the board
19 of directors of the Heritage Group YMCA and two chambers of
20 commerce; he also serves as a member of the local Optimist and
21 Rotary Clubs; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Behlow is a die-hard fan of the Green Bay
23 Packers; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Behlow has developed a sterling reputation for
2 his tireless work to ensure each student develops the capacity
3 to thrive, as well as his passion for education and his immense
4 experience, traits that will undoubtedly serve him well in his
5 new position; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Dr. David Behlow on the occasion of his
9 appointment to serve as Superintendent of the North Shore
10 Elementary District and wish him success and happiness in his
11 new position; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Dr. David Behlow as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.