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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Lois Nelson on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of service in the Chicago Public Schools; and

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WHEREAS, Eager to constantly improve her craft, Lois Nelson obtained her bachelor's degree and master's degree and undertook over 60 hours of formal education; she also earned a Youth Empowerment and Self-Sufficiency Mini-Society Certificate from the Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship Education and an Advanced Certificate as a Gifted Teacher; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Nelson has served as a tireless advocate for the Chicago Public Schools system and for better educational opportunities for all children; she served as a Lead Mentor in the Golden Teacher's Mentor Program for the Chicago Board of Education; she served as a union delegate at Earle Elementary School for over 30 years and as a delegate to the American Federation of Teachers and Illinois Federation of Teachers Conventions; she served as a member of the Chicago Teachers' Union Executive Board; she has participated in union lobbying efforts in Springfield as a political coordinator and co-chair of the union's Political Action Committee; she also served as chair of the Chicago Teachers' Union Fashion Show 2006 for the

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1 CTU Student Assistance Program and participated in the Mother's
2 Day Walk for Cancer with CTU; and

3 WHEREAS, Lois Nelson served as a Chicago Teachers' Pension
4 Fund Active Teacher Board Trustee from 2005 until 2010; she
5 also served as the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund Board Vice
6 President - Chair of Personnel and the Chicago Teachers'
7 Pension Fund Board Financial Secretary and Chair of Personnel,
8 Finance, and Audit; and

9 WHEREAS, Lois Nelson has been a member of the National
10 Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Mu Chapter for 25 years; she
11 is a member of the Association for Gifted Children; she also
12 serves as President of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
13 Council #8973 at St. John De La Salle Catholic Church and as a
14 church lector/commentator at St. John De La Salle; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to her educational career, Lois Nelson
16 served as a court reporter for Chicago Title & Trust; and

17 WHEREAS, Lois Nelson will celebrate her retirement with a
18 party in her honor on December 30, 2011, at Crystal Light
19 Banquets in Burbank; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Lois Nelson on the occasion of her retirement,
2 show our appreciation for her dedication to the education of
3 her students and her advocacy on their behalf, and wish her
4 many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Lois Nelson as a symbol of our esteem and respect.