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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Michael
4 Johnson of Springfield on the occasion of his retirement as
5 Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Boards
6 (IASB); and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson graduated from Bushnell-Prairie
8 City High School in 1970; he earned his bachelor's degree in
9 mathematics, master's degree in education administration, and
10 educational specialist degree from Western Illinois University
11 and his doctorate of education from Illinois State University;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson began his tenure as the 5th
14 executive director of IASB in September of 2000; as Executive
15 Director, he ably led a staff of more than 53 employees, with
16 offices in Springfield and Lombard and an annual operating
17 budget of over \$5 million; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to his service at IASB, he taught
19 mathematics and special education in Quincy schools from 1973
20 to 1976 and was K-12 principal in Scott-Morgan Community Unit
21 School District 2 in Bluffs from 1976 to 1977; from 1977 to
22 1982, he served as Principal of Southern High School in

1 Stronghurst; in 1982, he became superintendent of Toluca
2 Community Unit School District 2, where he served until 1991;
3 during this period, he also served as superintendent of Wenona
4 Community Unit School District 1 for one year; from 1991 to
5 2000, he served as superintendent of Evergreen Park Community
6 High School District 231 in Cook County; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson serves on the Illinois School
8 District Liquid Asset Fund Plus Board, the Workers'
9 Compensation Self-Insurance Trust Board, the Illinois School
10 District Agency Property Casualty Board, and the Illinois
11 Energy Consortium (IEC) Board; he serves as chairman of the
12 School Leaders Risk Management Association, a multi-state
13 Board legal liability reinsurance pool; he is a member of the
14 ISBE Testing and Accountability committee and served as a
15 co-chair of the Governor's Education Transition Team; he is
16 also a member of the International High School Committee and
17 the National School Boards Association Executive Directors
18 Liaison Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson has worked with the Illinois State
20 Board of Education on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee,
21 and has been an active member of vocational monitoring teams,
22 special education peer monitoring teams, quality assurance
23 review teams, the Prairie State Exam Committee, and the Testing
24 and Accountability Committee, among many other boards and

1 committees; and

2 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson was the recipient of the Illinois
3 Crime Commission Educator of the Year award in 1999; he also
4 serves as President of the Rotary Club in Toluca and Evergreen
5 Park and has been active in the United Methodist Church, Boy
6 Scouts, Boy's Club, and girl's softball and volleyball; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson and his wife, Kim, were married on
8 December 22, 1973; they have 3 children, Jason (Stefanie),
9 Jennifer (Jamie), and Jacob, and 2 grandchildren, Samantha and
10 Lincoln, with another grandchild on the way; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Johnson has served as a model of hard
12 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Dr. Michael Johnson on the occasion of his
17 retirement, thank him for his service to the people of this
18 State, and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Michael Johnson as a symbol of our esteem and

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1 respect.