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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Veronica Spearman Williams on the occasion of her retirement as a teacher at Lilly-Freeman Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams was born in St. Louis, Missouri; her parents are O.B. and Freddie Mae Spearman Sr.; and

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WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams attended school in East St. Louis School District 189; after graduating from East St. Louis Sr. High School, she attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville on a 4-year scholarship, where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education; she also attended State Community College of East Saint Louis, where she received the title of 1972-1973 Homecoming Queen and earned her associate's degree; she subsequently earned a master's degree in elementary education and early childhood from SIU-Edwardsville and another master's degree in teacher leadership from McKendree College; and

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WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams is a past professional plus size model with Big is Beautiful; she was also President of Eta Kappa Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, a member of Eastern Star

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1 Francis 119, and an inductee of Phi Delta Kappa; and

2 WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams was honored by the Top  
3 Ladies of Distinction of East St. Louis as Orchard to Role  
4 Model; she is also a member of the National Black Women  
5 Association and is a recipient of the Apple Teacher Award from  
6 the Iota Zeta in St, Louis, Missouri; and

7 WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams began her journey in  
8 East St. Louis School District 189 at the age of 23; she has  
9 served in School District 189 for 37 years, with 19 years as a  
10 Countdown and Title 1 Teacher and 18 years as a classroom  
11 teacher; and

12 WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams has 6 godchildren,  
13 Sherry Spearman-Howell, Rosejay Ross Campbell, Meka Watkins,  
14 Delvin Fort, Skyler Conner, and Keith Jones; and

15 WHEREAS, Veronica Spearman Williams serves as a model of  
16 hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the  
17 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Veronica Spearman Williams on the occasion of  
21 her retirement and wish her many happy and healthy retirement

1 years; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Veronica Spearman Williams as a symbol of our  
4 esteem and respect.