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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Representative Jerry
4 Mitchell on his retirement from the Illinois House; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Jerry Mitchell began serving in the Illinois
6 House in 1995; after he completes his final term, he will have
7 served 9 terms as state representative; he represents the 90th
8 district, which includes all of Lee County and portions of
9 Ogle, Whiteside, and Henry counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Jerry Mitchell has been a relentless advocate
11 for schools and education; he has been a champion of charter
12 schools and their expansion in the State; he was the Republican
13 spokesperson for the elementary and secondary education
14 committees for numerous years; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Jerry Mitchell has had a long career in
16 education, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director,
17 principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; he
18 graduated with a bachelor's of science from Eureka College in
19 1968, and earned a masters' in education administration from
20 Illinois State University in 1974; he received an education
21 specialist degree from Western Illinois University in 1992; he
22 served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1960-1964; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Jerry Mitchell has received numerous awards
2 acknowledging his commitment to the citizens of his district,
3 including the Friends of Agriculture Award from the Illinois
4 Agriculture Association, the Reader's Choice Award for
5 "Favorite Politician" by Sauk Valley Newspaper from 2001-2008,
6 the "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Illinois Chamber of
7 Commerce in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010, and in 2008, he
8 was named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois School
9 Counselors Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Jerry Mitchell is married to Jan, and is a
11 father of three, with three grandchildren; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Rep. Jerry Mitchell on his retirement from the
15 Illinois House of Representatives and wish him much success in
16 his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Rep. Jerry Mitchell as an expression of our
19 respect and esteem.