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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mark Denman on the
4 occasion of his retirement after 40 years of service with
5 Danville School District 118; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Denman began working with District 118 as a
7 7th grade teacher at East Park Middle School from 1975 to 1983;
8 he served as principal of Daniel School from 1983 to 1987, as
9 principal of East Park Elementary School from 1987 to 1994, as
10 principal of North Ridge Middle School from 1994 to 2001, and
11 as principal of Danville High School from 2001 to 2004; he
12 served as Associate Superintendent of District 118 from 2004 to
13 2009, and, from 2009 to 2015, he served as Superintendent of
14 Schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Mark Denman's accomplishments during his time
16 with District 118, include \$38 million of construction and
17 renovations at South View, North Ridge, and East Park Schools;
18 the improved maintenance and updating of all facilities; the
19 overhaul of district technology from the back door to the end
20 user; standardized technology in all classrooms; the
21 development and accountability for the district's strategic
22 plan; the finished work at the Danville High School athletic
23 complex; the reception of a School Improvement Grant at

1 Danville High School to raise student achievement, reduce
2 drop-out rate, and strengthen instruction; the restructuring
3 of academic programs, assessments, and delivery of
4 instruction; and serving as the unofficial tour guide of
5 Danville High School for reunions; he led efforts to increase
6 the size, as well as beautifying, the Danville High School
7 campus, which included the razing of abandoned structures, and
8 he helped preserve District 118's history through authoring
9 "The History of the Danville Schools" in 2012 for the Districts
10 150th anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, Mark Denman has received numerous awards,
12 including the 2014 Community Partnership Award from Danville
13 Caucus, Inc., the 2008 Administrator of the Year from the
14 Illinois Association of Educational Office Professionals, the
15 2007 Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation award
16 from the National Society of the Daughters of the American
17 Revolution, the 2005 Preservation Award from the Old Town
18 Association, the 2005 Achievement Award from the Danville High
19 School Senior Class of 2005, the 2003 Educator/Administrator of
20 the Decade award from the Progressive Chapter of Blacks in
21 Government, the 1994 Vermilion County Golden Ruler Award from
22 the Vermilion County Regional Office of Education, the 1983
23 Outstanding Young Educator of the Year award from the Danville
24 Jaycees, and the 1983 Outstanding Teacher Award from East Park
25 Middle School; and

1 WHEREAS, Mark Denman grew up in Danville; he was a member
2 of the 100th graduating class of Danville High School in 1971
3 and graduated from Illinois State University; he was accepted
4 into the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Law School;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Denman is a product of District 118 and he
7 continually strives to do nothing but the best for the students
8 of the district; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Mark Denman on his retirement after 40 years of
12 service with Danville School District 118 and wish him the best
13 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Mark Denman as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.