

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that James R.
6 Holderfield is retiring from St. Charles East High School
7 after a teaching career of thirty-five years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Holderfield received his associate's degree
9 in machine drafting and design from the Vocational Technical
10 Institute in 1960, a bachelor's of science degree in
11 Industrial Education with an emphasis in Vocation Education
12 in 1965 from Southern Illinois University at Carterville, and
13 his Master of Science in Industrial Education from Northern
14 Illinois University in DeKalb in 1970; and

15 WHEREAS, At St. Charles East High School, Mr. Holderfield
16 changed the image and quality of technology education, also
17 known as "shop", in order for technology education to attain
18 its rightful place alongside the academics of math, science,
19 English, and social studies; presently he is working to
20 establish kindergarten through twelfth grade technology
21 literacy standards in the St. Charles School District; and

22 WHEREAS, James Holderfield has made valuable professional
23 contributions to education, which include developing
24 vocational courses at St. Charles East High School such as a
25 vocational mechanical drawing course, an architectural
26 drafting and design course, a machine drafting and design
27 course, a product design course, a computer aided drafting
28 class, an architectural drafting and design class, an
29 automotive maintenance and repair course, a pre-engineering
30 technology and engineering technology course, and the I-tech
31 course; Mr. Holderfield also was a part-time senior faculty
32 member at Elgin Community College teaching engineering

1 drafting for twelve years; and

2 WHEREAS, James Holderfield has provided his service and
3 contribution to area schools as a member of the North Central
4 Evaluation Team at Elgin Larkin High School and at Lake
5 Zurich High school; he has hosted numerous visiting high
6 schools and professional groups at St. Charles East High
7 School and provided information and experiences gained in the
8 implementation and operation of courses and programs; he has
9 served as President-Elect of Industrial Education Roundtable
10 and has provided information and on-site assistance in the
11 design and implementation of a student internship program for
12 Dundee Crown High School; in addition, Mr. Holderfield has
13 served as Department Chair of Technology Education and Family
14 and Consumer Sciences, and as Director of the "Charleston"
15 Residential Building Trades Program; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching duties, James
17 Holderfield has made valuable contributions to the local
18 community; he served on the Neighborhood Improvement
19 Association where he helped develop criteria for yearly
20 competitions to acknowledge homeowners that have made
21 improvements in their homes and neighborhoods, as a judge in
22 neighborhood improvement competitions, and as a member of a
23 committee that reviewed and granted government funds to low
24 income families to renovate and repair their homes; he is
25 presently a candidate for Library Trustee on the St. Charles
26 Public Library Board; and

27 WHEREAS, James Holderfield has been the recipient of
28 several honors, including a resolution of appreciation from
29 Elgin Community College in 1987, the "Those Who Excel" award
30 from the Illinois State Board of Education in 1987, the
31 Golden Apple Award in 1988, and a Certificate of Appreciation
32 from the Illinois State Board of Education; and

1 WHEREAS, Recently, James Holderfield received the D.L.
2 Hoeft High School Teacher of the Year award at the 26th
3 annual Educator of the Year Awards in April, 2001, which
4 serves as a fitting capstone to an amazing thirty-five year
5 career; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate James R. Holderfield on his retirement from
9 St. Charles East High School and on being the recipient of
10 the 2001 D.L. Hoeft High School Teacher of the Year award,
11 and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to James R. Holderfield as an expression of our
15 esteem.