

## 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 Patsy Schwarm  
6 is retiring from her duties as the Assistant Superintendent  
7 of Instruction for the Highland Community Unit School  
8 District #5 in Highland, Illinois at the end of the 2001  
9 school year; and

10 WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm was raised on a farm in Loogootee,  
11 Illinois, established by her great-grandfather in the 1840's;  
12 during her youth, she was involved in many leadership  
13 activities through her school, church, and the 4-H club in  
14 which she served as president of both the agriculture and  
15 home economics clubs as well as president of the county 4-H  
16 federation; and

17 WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm earned her bachelor's in  
18 mathematics with a minor in instructional materials, and her  
19 master's degree in Educational Administration from Southern  
20 Illinois University; and

21 WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm began her teaching career in 1968  
22 as a math teacher and librarian at Highland Junior High  
23 School; in 1977, she started her work as a school  
24 administrator serving as assistant principal in grades four  
25 through eight at Highland Junior High School, and continued  
26 working as a part-time junior high school high math and study  
27 skill teacher; in addition she served as principal for grades  
28 four through six and as assistant principal for grades seven  
29 and eight at Highland Junior High School; in 1984, she was  
30 named administrative assistant to the superintendent, where  
31 she has remained; and

1           WHEREAS, During her tenure as Assistant Superintendent of  
2 Instruction at Highland Community School District #5, Patsy  
3 Schwarm has improved curriculum, created and presented  
4 countless workshops institutes, established the new  
5 teacher-mentor program, and was in charge of the writing and  
6 receiving of grants that have paid for a multitude of  
7 educational need in Highland Community School District #5; in  
8 addition she assisted in the re-modeling of Highland High  
9 School, the new Highland Middle School building, and the  
10 preparation of the annual Recognition Banquet since its  
11 inception several years ago; and

12           WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm has served in many leadership  
13 roles including as local President of the IASCD, chairperson  
14 of the Madison County Curriculum Council, and as an officer  
15 of the Madison County Region II Special Education Cooperative  
16 Governing Board for the past ten years; she has also served  
17 as a workshop presenter at Southern Illinois University, the  
18 Illinois Reading Recovery Conference, at several ESC  
19 regional institutes, and the ISBE committee; she also  
20 developed a document concerning the Quality Review process  
21 that has been sent to districts throughout the State for use  
22 and review; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to her duties for Highland Unit  
24 School District #5, Patsy Schwarm has been involved for many  
25 years with youth programs in her community including serving  
26 on a Drug and Alcohol Task Force, as member and liaison on  
27 the board of Greater Highland Area for Youth, and as member  
28 on the executive board of the Madison County Fair, where she  
29 serves as co-superintendent of the education department; she  
30 has also presented programs at various community  
31 organizations and helped coordinate a school and volunteer  
32 project to build a playground in Highland, and has  
33 established a plan for improving the Junior Achievement

1 programs in the Highland schools; she also served on the  
2 executive board and as secretary of the Business/Education  
3 Alliance to establish a parenting program for workers in area  
4 businesses over their lunch hours; and

5 WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm also serves on committees at her  
6 church where she has sponsored a weekly program called "Glad  
7 Rap" where high school age students could come and enjoy the  
8 church recreation room and get help with their homework; in  
9 her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and  
10 family, reading, cooking, and visiting her Angus heifer on  
11 the family farm in Loogootee; and

12 WHEREAS, Patsy Schwarm has shown extraordinary love for  
13 her students and has served as a mentor and friend to the  
14 faculty and staff at Highland Community Unit School District  
15 #5; her leadership and guidance will be missed by all;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Patsy Schwarm on her retirement as Assistant  
20 Superintendent of Instruction at Highland Community Unit  
21 School District #5 in Highland, Illinois, and we wish her  
22 well in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to Patsy Schwarm as an expression of our esteem.