

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 Dolores Wasko
6 is retiring after 38 years of service to Mary Miller Junior
7 High School in Georgetown, Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko began teaching language arts at
9 Mary Miller Junior High School in 1976 by taking over the
10 position of the school's namesake, Mary Miller; she teaches
11 eighth-grade language arts, but has taught every subject
12 except mathematics; and

13 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko received her bachelor's of science
14 degree from Illinois State University in 1959 and her
15 master's of science degree in education with a specialty in
16 reading from the University of Illinois in 1979; and

17 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko began her teaching career in
18 Danville from 1960 through 1961, in Georgetown from 1961
19 through 1964, and in Westville from 1964 through 1965; and

20 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko returned to Georgetown in 1965 as
21 the lone librarian for all the schools, where she began the
22 card catalog systems for the libraries and gave talks on
23 books; she then went on to be the lone art teacher for all
24 the schools, where she would push a cart with the day's art
25 lesson around to each classroom in each building; and

26 WHEREAS, As an art teacher, Dolores Wasko has taught such
27 projects as calligraphy, weaving on a loom, and tie-dying in
28 the 1970s; in the five years that she has solely taught art,
29 she had two students earn art degrees; and

30 WHEREAS, As a language arts teacher, Dolores Wasko has

1 had her students participate in a number of essay contests;
2 she also developed the "preposition song" which helped her
3 students memorize prepositions; and

4 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko has been a cheerleading sponsor,
5 on the library board, and helped with the group that helped
6 Georgetown become a unit district; and

7 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko is someone who students,
8 teachers, and administrators rely upon for her experience and
9 wisdom; she has been a source of encouragement for the
10 school's younger teachers; and

11 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko plans to spend her retirement with
12 her husband, Joe, and watching their three grandsons
13 participate in sports; and

14 WHEREAS, Dolores Wasko's presence and vision will be
15 dearly missed by the faculty, staff, and the students, past
16 and present, at Mary Miller Junior High School; therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Dolores Wasko on her retirement after 38
21 years of service to the faculty, staff and students at Mary
22 Miller Junior High School in Georgetown; and be it further

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