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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Scott J. Helton, Ed.D., who passed away on December 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was born on August 13, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton's career in education spanned over 33 years; he worked as a science teacher, a dean of students, an assistant principal, and an associate principal in different schools before coming to Addison Trail High School; he was the principal of Addison Trail High School for 11 years, where he was a common sight at sporting events and theater productions; and

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WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton became the superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 in 2012 and served in that role until his death; he put an emphasis on working with colleges and universities to expand dual-credit classes so the district's students could earn college credit and get a head start on their future while still in high school; he also expanded opportunities for students who may have previously been overlooked to take college-level Advanced Placement courses; he was determined to maintain career and technical

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1 classes, as well as arts and music; he strove to support the
2 school systems that feed into District 88, with the mutual goal
3 of providing a seamless transition from middle to high school;
4 before the COVID-19 pandemic forced a switch to remote
5 learning, the district had already obtained a grant from Sprint
6 to make sure that students had internet connections; and

7 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton coached youth sports and
8 served as the president of the Rotary Club in Villa Park and
9 Lombard; and

10 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was known as a leader, a
11 collaborator, a visionary, and an educator; his legacy will
12 live on within DuPage District 88; and

13 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was a father to three sons;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Scott J. Helton, Ed.D., and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Superintendent Helton as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.