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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Von Mansfield on the
4 occasion of his retirement as superintendent of
5 Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
7 where he grew up in the Westlawn Housing Projects; he
8 completed high school at the University School of Milwaukee;
9 he received his Bachelor of Science in Education and his
10 Master of Science in Counselor Education and Counseling
11 Psychology, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; he
12 obtained his Master of Arts in Administration from Governors
13 State University; he earned his doctorate in Curriculum and
14 Instruction from Loyola University-Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, As a young man, Dr. Mansfield was an avid
16 football player; as a college senior, he was selected to play
17 in the Senior Bowl; prior to beginning his career in
18 education, he played professional football for five years; he
19 was a fifth round draft choice by the Atlanta Falcons; the
20 majority of his football career was spent playing as a
21 defensive back and kick returner for the Philadelphia Eagles
22 and the Green Bay Packers; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield currently serves as superintendent
2 of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School
3 (Homewood-Flossmoor) District 233, where he oversees a diverse
4 student body of nearly 3,000 students and 300 faculty and
5 staff members; he has previously served as a high school
6 science teacher, coach, guidance counselor, dean of students,
7 assistant principal, and principal; during his tenure as
8 superintendent, Homewood-Flossmoor has been recognized by the
9 U.S. Department of Education as a three-time national Blue
10 Ribbon Award-winning high school, ranked annually as one of
11 the most challenging high schools in America by the Washington
12 Post, and received an exemplary ranking for having one of the
13 best AP Psychology programs in the country by the College
14 Board in 2010 and 2011; under his leadership, the school
15 district has maintained a balanced budget for the past 15
16 years, and it currently has and maintains a bond rating of AAA
17 from Standard & Poor's; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield is actively involved in the
19 community and is a member of several professional
20 organizations, including Phi Delta Kappa, the Association for
21 Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the American
22 Association of School Administrators; he currently serves as
23 the vice chair of the College Board's Oak Circle Advisory
24 Board and as a representative for the South Cook Region of the
25 Illinois Association of School Administrators Governmental

1 Relations & Advocacy Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield has served in leadership roles with
3 several state and nationally recognized organizations; through
4 the College Board, he served as a trustee and a member of the
5 Executive Committee during the 2017 to 2018 school year, and
6 he chaired the Trustee Committee on Membership from 2017 to
7 2018; he also served on the College Board Superintendents'
8 Advisory Panel and previously co-chaired the organization's
9 National Forum in Miami, Florida in 2012; he has also served as
10 the president of the Headmasters Association and as president
11 of the Southwest Suburban Conference of school districts
12 located in suburban Chicagoland; he has additionally served as
13 a member of the National Commission on National Assessment of
14 Educational Progress 12th Grade Assessment and Reporting and
15 on the Big Ten Advisory Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield has received several accolades
17 during his football and professional careers; he received an
18 honorable mention as a junior by the All Big Ten and was
19 selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Student Athlete
20 at the University of Wisconsin as a senior by the Wisconsin
21 Alumni Association; he was a recipient of the Paul Harris
22 Fellow Award from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary
23 International and named the winner of the Dr. Charles Gavin
24 Image Award for Education; as Homewood-Flossmoor principal, he

1 received an Award of Excellence from the Illinois State Board
2 of Education (ISBE) in 2005 and, as Homewood-Flossmoor
3 superintendent, he received an ISBE Award of Meritorious
4 Service in 2020; he has been recognized in publications for
5 his success as an educator, including a cover story in
6 Chicago's N'DIGO magazine and a feature in the Illinois
7 Association of School Administrators' Leadership Matters
8 magazine in March 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Mansfield published Student Satisfaction with
10 Peer Mediation in the School Social Work Journal in 1992;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Dr. Von Mansfield on his retirement as
15 superintendent of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School
16 District 233, commend him for his long career in education,
17 and wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Dr. Mansfield as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.