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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Nathaniel James Anderson on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of School District 189 in East St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson received a bachelor's degree in Science in Recreation and a master's degree in Science in Education from Eastern Illinois University; he then received a Specialist in education degree from Southeast Missouri State University and his Doctorate in Education Administration from Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, He began his work in school administration as a Dean of Students at Stephen Decatur High School in 1982; he then served as principal at Cairo High School, Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Decatur, and as High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Rock Island/Milan District 41, before becoming Superintendent of School District 189 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson has been active in many educational and community activities during his career; currently he serves on the Gateway Classic Advisory Board, the United Way St. Louis Metropolitan Area Board of Directors, the United Negro College Fund Advisory Board, the Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts and Humanities Advisory Board, the SIUE East St. Louis Center Community Advisory Council, and he serves as the NAACP Chairman of Freedom Fund Banquet (East St. Louis Chapter); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson has received many awards for his dedication to excellence in education including the "Great Teacher" Citation, the Anna Waters Education Award, the Rock Island Rotary Excellence in Education Award, The Black Star Project Excellence in Education Award, and the Lifetime

1 Achievement Award from the National Alliance Black School  
2 Educators in Chicago; and

3 WHEREAS, His professional affiliations include the  
4 Illinois Association of School Administrators, the National  
5 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Illinois  
6 Principals Association, the Association for Supervision and  
7 Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa, the Illinois High  
8 School Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the NAACP, the  
9 John C. Ellis Masonic Lodge #17, the Eastern Illinois Athletic  
10 Boosters Club, the National Association of Black School  
11 Educators (NABSE), the Missouri Superintendents Forum, the  
12 American Association of School Administrators, and the Large  
13 Unit District Association (LUDA) of Illinois; additionally, he  
14 is founder of the Base Runners Athletic Team and member of Mt.  
15 Zion M.B. Church of East St. Louis; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson is married to his wife, Tanya, and  
17 has two daughters and four grandsons; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate Dr. Nathaniel James Anderson on his retirement as  
21 Superintendent of School District 189 after an outstanding  
22 career in education, and we thank him for his dedication and  
23 service to the citizens of Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to Dr. Nathaniel James Anderson as an expression of  
26 our respect and esteem and with our sincere wishes for many  
27 happy years of retirement.