



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 25, 2005, Thomas Lyons will be retiring  
3 from service on the Orland School District 135 Board of  
4 Education; and

5 WHEREAS, He has served for eight years on the board,  
6 including three years as Vice President and two years as  
7 President; he has chaired the Finance, Building, Planning, and  
8 Negotiations committees and served on the Policy and Community  
9 Relations committees; he was District 135's liaison to the  
10 village board and participated in the Subcommittee on  
11 Attendance Boundaries; and

12 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the board, District 135 has  
13 seen many notable achievements; among them are the opening of  
14 Meadow Ridge School, the completion of the Orland Junior High  
15 School renovation, improvements to school libraries and  
16 playgrounds, and maintaining quality environments in all 10  
17 schools; he has been instrumental in the development and  
18 implementation of a long-range plan for student achievement, as  
19 well as in the evaluation and restructuring of all district  
20 curriculums to align them with State standards and continue  
21 consistency of instruction in all of the district's schools;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons exemplifies the teamwork of the Board of  
24 Education and the administration in allocating the district's  
25 resources to maintain and enhance both programs and facilities  
26 over the years, even in the face of dwindling revenues, a  
27 dilemma that is affecting school districts throughout the  
28 State; and

29 WHEREAS, He is married to Nancy and is the father of Kelly,  
30 Tim, and Tracy; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Thomas Lyons on the occasion of his retirement  
4           from the Orland School District 135 Board of Education, and we  
5           thank him for his dedicated service to the students of Orland  
6           School District 135; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Mr. Lyons as an expression of our respect and  
9           esteem.