

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are  
3 proud to recognize those citizens of the State of Illinois  
4 who have exerted a profound and guiding influence on their  
5 fellow people; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Pedtke, who exhibited her fine moral  
7 and civic leadership through her determination to have racial  
8 harmony in the schools and community, graduated from the  
9 University of Illinois in June, 1947; in a joint agreement  
10 with the Centralia High School and Centralia Junior College,  
11 she taught at both schools beginning in September of 1947;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedtke became the Dean of the Girls at  
14 Centralia High School and the Dean of Women at Centralia  
15 Junior College in 1956; in 1962, she became full-time at  
16 Centralia Junior College and, in 1965, full-time at Kaskaskia  
17 College; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedtke was the first Director of Students in  
19 the Community College Systems for state colleges; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedtke and the late Linda Jones wrote the  
21 Higher Education Collegiate Association (HECA) grant for  
22 academic and personal enrichment for minority students in  
23 1989; this grant allowed minority students to visit several  
24 different colleges in hopes of aiding them to further their  
25 education; many students benefited from this experience, thus  
26 enabling them to take advantage of the many scholarships  
27 available; HECA was approved in 1989 for \$30,000, 1990 for  
28 \$40,000, and 1991 for \$40,000; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedtke created a Minority Advisory Council  
30 in 1989, which was formed to meet the needs of the minority  
31 community through education and/or outreach locations; and

1           WHEREAS, The Minority Banquet at Kaskasia College was  
2 endorsed 13 years ago by Dr. Dorothy Pedtke, and the 13th  
3 annual Minority Banquet was held on February 21, 2002, with  
4 guest speaker Roland Burris; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Pedtke retired after 45 years in  
6 education, but is still the epitome of love and harmony among  
7 the races; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Dr. Dorothy Pedtke for her loving and guiding  
11 influence; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Dr. Dorothy Pedtke as an expression of our  
14 esteem.