

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of this State; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Richard M.
6 Thrasher of Springfield will retire as Williamsville Middle
7 School Principal on June 14, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard M. Thrasher was born May 5, 1946, in
9 Springfield to Richard F. Thrasher and Dorothea M. Thrasher;
10 he attended Ridgely Grade School and graduated from Lanphier
11 High School; in 1969, Mr. Thrasher earned his Bachelor of
12 Arts degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale;
13 in 1974, he earned his Master of Arts degree from Sangamon
14 State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrasher started teaching in 1969 as a 6th
16 Grade self-contained class room teacher at Sherman Elementary
17 School in Williamsville School District #15; in 1974, he
18 became the Junior High and Elementary School Principal of
19 Williamsville Jr. High, Williamsville Elementary, and Sherman
20 Elementary Schools; from 1978 to 2000, Mr. Thrasher was the
21 principal of Sherman Elementary, and from 2000 to the
22 present, he has been the Williamsville Middle School
23 Principal; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrasher served on the North Central
25 Evaluation Committee in 1986 and was a member of the State
26 Board Accreditation Team for the University of Illinois in
27 1990; he served on the curriculum development, teacher
28 evaluation, referendum, and building committees in
29 Williamsville School District #15 from 1976 to 2001; Mr.
30 Thrasher was the District Administrative representative on
31 the Local Professional Development Committee for 2000/2001
32 and 2001/2002; from 1977 to 1978 and 2001 to 2002, Mr.

1 Thrasher was President of the Sangamon County Schoolmasters;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Though Richard Thrasher had originally wanted to
4 study for dentistry, he decided that his real passion was
5 teaching, as did many members of his family; he has enjoyed
6 his experience as principal in Williamsville School District
7 #15, and is held in high regard by all those who know him; in
8 his honor, May 28, 2002, is being named "Mr. Thrasher Day" at
9 Williamsville Middle School; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrasher is married to Jean and has two
11 children, Tony and Kelly, to whom he has devoted much time
12 and effort in both school and extra curricular activities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrasher enjoys his gun collection and is
15 active in various gun shows around the State; he looks
16 forward to his retirement, which will allow him to pursue
17 other things he is interested in; and

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Richard M. Thrasher of Springfield on his
21 retirement as Principal of Williamsville Middle School and
22 his years of service to Williamsville School District #15,
23 and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to Richard M. Thrasher as an expression of our
27 esteem.