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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Fry

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to recognize Stella Batagiannis for her role as superintendent of the Mishawaka schools and the differences she has made.

Whereas, Stella Batagiannis was the first female superintendent to be selected by the school corporation of Mishawaka in 1991. During her years as superintendent she has shown her dedication to the children and improving the schools of this city;

Whereas, Stella has achieved several accomplishments in being superintendent such as: Mishawaka Education Foundation; extensive professional development; new programs; special legislation passed to benefit the school corporation, the start of the current building project; and a good working relationship with her staff and the community;



Whereas, one of Stella's first challenges as superintendent was a \$600,000 tax shortfall due mostly to Uniroyal Plastic Company's unpaid property taxes. This resulted in the "Mishawaka legislation" that passed in the 1992 General Assembly to get the system out of the red. Stella Batagiannis played a major role in the outcome;

Whereas, another achievement that stood out was that of the education foundation, which awards grants to individual teachers or groups of teachers for innovative programs. This program started with a donation of \$10,000 and has grown to \$100,000 in donations;

Whereas, Stella Batagiannis always handled the challenges faced her way, but through all of these she face she never lost sight of the fact that nothing is more important than the children;

Whereas, Stella has left the residents of Mishawaka with a challenge: "Truly focus on the children-first philosophy and not lose sight of that." Mishawaka residents wish Stella Batagiannis well in her new position in West Lafayette; where great changes will definitely be made with Stella's presence;and

Whereas, Representative Fry will miss the friendship and leadership of Superintendent Batagiannis.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognize Stella Batagiannis for her role as superintendent of Mishawaka schools.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmits a copy of this House Resolution to Stella Batagiannis.

