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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to recognize those citizens who have  
4 performed dedicated service to their State and local  
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank A. Pasquale has served as Mayor of the  
7 Village of Bellwood since his first election in 2001; he was  
8 reelected in 2005, 2009, and 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale is a four-decade resident of the  
10 Village of Bellwood; prior to serving as mayor, he served as a  
11 Village Trustee for the growing western suburb, and as a  
12 commissioner of the Memorial Park District; he also served as  
13 chairman of the former Addison Creek Restoration Commission, a  
14 State commission charged with flooding and water management  
15 issues for a seven-community area; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale received a Bachelor of Arts from the  
17 University of Illinois, and continued his education at Chicago  
18 State University where he earned a master's degree in guidance  
19 and counseling; he went on to earn a doctorate in behavioral  
20 science from Nova University; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale began his teaching career at St.

1 Joseph High School in Westchester, there he served as a teacher  
2 and director of guidance and counseling; he later became a  
3 vocational counselor at Wright College, one of the City  
4 Colleges of Chicago, before being named a Dean's Scholar and  
5 Honors Business Coordinator and Counselor Chairman of the  
6 Faculty Honors Committee; after four decades of service and  
7 devotion to education, he was urged to share his time and  
8 talents in elective public service; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale has made open, honest, and  
10 transparent government, intergovernmental cooperation, and  
11 public/private partnerships the hallmark of his  
12 administration; he has had a strategic focus on economic  
13 development and capital improvement projects that are driving  
14 new residential and retail development; most recently, his  
15 leadership lead to the approval of a modern new Metra train  
16 station in Bellwood that will be the catalyst for the creation  
17 of a new downtown in the Village; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale has had numerous and far-reaching  
19 accomplishments during his tenure which have been well  
20 documented by citizens, other municipalities, and the greater  
21 metropolitan area; while running for office in 2001, he pledged  
22 to pave every alley in the Village, and to facilitate new,  
23 brighter lighting; he kept his promise and completed the task  
24 on time and within budget; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale has addressed long-neglected street  
2 projects, solving one of the single biggest issues for Village  
3 residents; public safety and security have been priorities for  
4 the mayor who closely collaborated with and empowered Village  
5 police and fire departments to implement initiatives to ensure  
6 the highest degree of public safety possible; state-of-the-art  
7 wireless surveillance equipment was installed to assist the  
8 police, fire, and public works departments to more efficiently  
9 respond to and preempt a wide range of public safety issues;  
10 citizens were called to action to help make the community a  
11 safer place to live, work, and play through their active  
12 participation in regular Neighborhood Watch/Community Policing  
13 meetings; as a result of these efforts, crime in the Village  
14 has dropped for three consecutive years; and

15           WHEREAS, Due to his long service as an educator, Dr.  
16 Pasquale was prompted to embark on program initiatives that  
17 provide Bellwood students with the opportunity to get the best  
18 education possible while recognizing the vital role of computer  
19 technology; his commitment to closing the so-called, "digital  
20 divide", and his belief that literacy in this generation  
21 includes the ability to operate a computer and access to the  
22 latest technology and the Internet, the Village began an  
23 innovative program which offers a \$200 rebate to every Bellwood  
24 household that purchases a new computer and computer

1 accessories; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale is active and visible in a host of  
3 important regional organizations, agencies, and initiatives;  
4 he serves as co-chair of the CREATE Task Force of the  
5 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; chairman of the West Cook Railroad  
6 Relocation and Redevelopment Authority; commissioner emeritus  
7 of Memorial Park District; and as a member of the boards of the  
8 West Central Municipal Conference, Illinois Municipal League,  
9 and West Cook Boys & Girls Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale has been honored for his service and  
11 commitment to his community; he has received the Italian Civic  
12 Pride Award from the Italian American Executives of  
13 Transportation; the Leonardo da Vinci Award in Government from  
14 the Order Sons of Italy in America; the Municipal Leader of the  
15 Year Award presented by the Illinois State Crime Commission;  
16 the President's Reception Award from the Triton College  
17 Foundation; and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Italian  
18 American Political Coalition; and many other honors; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Pasquale and his wife of 45 years, Vivian,  
20 raised their son, Frank (Marlene) and daughter, Maria (Jason)  
21 in Bellwood; and are now the proud grandparents of Ann,  
22 Anthony, Olivia, and Luke; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 recognize and honor the service of Dr. Frank A. Pasquale to the  
4 people of the Village of Bellwood, and we thank him for his  
5 dedication to education, service to his community and the  
6 State, and for the active role he has taken in making his  
7 community a safe and happy place to live, work, go to school,  
8 and raise a family; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That we congratulate Dr. Pasquale on the occasion  
10 of his retirement, and wish him health and happiness in his  
11 retirement years; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Dr. Pasquale as a symbol of our esteem and  
14 respect.