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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Timothy "Tim" Bradford on his dedication to the Olympia Fields Park District; and

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WHEREAS, Timothy Bradford began his professional career at Quaker Oats in a senior management position, where he worked for 25 years; he later became a successful entrepreneur in the restaurant and product distribution sectors; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Timothy Bradford began his next career in public service, a passion that had always been important to him; he has volunteered on the boards of numerous civic and business organizations, including the Rich Township High School District 227 advisory board and the Great Lakes Bank advisory board; he served as president of the Matteson Rotary Club; he also serves as the administrator of Rich Township; and

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WHEREAS, Timothy Bradford has received numerous awards for his community involvement, including the Eagle Award for his service to the Olympia Fields Park District, the Hero's Award from the Village of Olympia Fields, the Diversity Award from Diversity, Inc., and a commendation from the Matteson Business Association; and

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1 WHEREAS, Timothy Bradford was elected to the Metropolitan
2 Water Reclamation District of the Greater Chicago Board of
3 Commissioners in 2014; he is the chairman of the Ethics
4 Committee and the Federal Legislation Committee and the vice
5 chairman of the Maintenance and Operations Committee and
6 Monitoring and Research Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Timothy Bradford's passion for the environment,
8 preservation of open space, and community development can be
9 seen in his 30 years of service as a member of the Olympia
10 Fields Park District Board, where he served as president for
11 three terms; he also served on the Irons Oaks Environmental
12 Learning Centers Joint Committee between the Olympia Fields
13 Park District and Homewood Flossmoor Park District; and

14 WHEREAS, It was during Timothy Bradford's tenure that the
15 award winning Sergeant Means Park and the Park District complex
16 came into its own; the Cull House is the administrative center
17 of the Olympia Fields Park District; the "Barn" Meeting Center,
18 an actual renovated barn, serves as a multi-use facility that
19 handles special events, meetings, weddings, and other
20 activities; the award winning Barn serves as an important focal
21 point for community gatherings throughout the Southland
22 region; the popularity of the complex, especially the Barn, led
23 to the expansion and renovation of the Barn building in late

1 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, Timothy Bradford has been a tireless leader in the
3 Southland for almost four decades and a dedicated member of the
4 Olympia Fields community; on June 16, 2017, the Sergeant Means
5 Park Barn will be re-dedicated as the "Bradford Red Door Barn";
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 recognize Timothy "Tim" Bradford on his dedication to the
10 Olympia Fields Park District and we wish him and his family all
11 the best as he continues to provide leadership and good
12 counsel; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Timothy Bradford as an expression of our respect
15 and esteem.