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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bill Shepherd on the  
4 occasion of his retirement from State Farm on September 1, 2017  
5 after 28 years of service; and

6           WHEREAS, Bill Shepherd graduated from the University of  
7 Nebraska Law School in 1977; he passed the Illinois Bar and  
8 begin to practice in Rockford with an insurance defense firm;  
9 in 1982, he moved to Chicago to work as an assistant attorney  
10 general in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General; he then  
11 joined the legal staff of the Illinois State Senate where he  
12 drafted and analyzed legislation primarily dealing with the  
13 highly controversial nuclear energy industry; he also was on  
14 the project team that drafted the first-in-the-nation State  
15 Telecommunications Act that followed the antitrust breakup of  
16 AT&T and the Bell system monopoly; Governor James R. Thompson  
17 then appointed him to a position in his administration  
18 advocating on behalf of small business consumers at the  
19 Illinois Commerce Commission; and

20           WHEREAS, Bill Shepherd joined the State Farm Law  
21 Department's Legislative/Regulatory Section in January of 1990  
22 as state counsel and was assigned to the Illinois Region and  
23 then the Canadian Region; and

1           WHEREAS, Bill Shepherd provided a steady and authoritative  
2 presence at the Illinois State Capitol; a wide variety of  
3 issues have demanded his drafting skills which now populate the  
4 Illinois Insurance Code; his input is also reflected in  
5 numerous other statutes, including taxation, uninsured  
6 motorist coverage, unclaimed life insurance assets, and many  
7 others; and

8           WHEREAS, Bill Shepherd has represented State Farm in a  
9 variety of external groups such as the National Conference of  
10 Insurance Legislators, the Republican Governors Association,  
11 the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, the National  
12 Governors Association, and the Senate Presidents' Forum; and

13           WHEREAS, In retirement, Bill Shepherd intends to continue  
14 his research and writing on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War;  
15 he and his wife, Mary, plan to stay in Bloomington but will be  
16 traveling to national parks, Civil War sites, and looking  
17 forward to some overseas travel, including a river cruise in  
18 France; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 congratulate Bill Shepherd on his retirement from State Farm  
22 after 28 years of service, and we wish him the best in all his

1 future endeavors; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Bill Shepherd as a symbol of our respect and  
4 esteem.