



HR0566

LRB100 13636 MST 28294 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John F. Vrba on his tenure
4 as the president of the Illinois Health Care Association, a
5 volunteer position wherein he sought the highest quality of
6 care standards for the frail elderly who receive care in
7 facilities across the State, and for his 27 years of service as
8 a care provider; and

9 WHEREAS, John Vrba has embraced a life centered on
10 positivity and living for the moment after the unfortunate
11 passing of his father at a young age; he is the living
12 embodiment of the phrase "Live, Laugh and Love"; and

13 WHEREAS, John Vrba is a lifelong Illinois resident, growing
14 up in Northeastern Illinois, receiving his undergraduate
15 education at the College of St. Francis in Joliet, and earning
16 a master's degree in psychology from Benedictine University in
17 Lisle; and

18 WHEREAS, John Vrba began his career in skilled nursing care
19 in 1991, providing one-on-one direct care to residents as an
20 activity aide, where he came to understand the needs of the
21 frail and elderly; and

1 WHEREAS, This early exposure to the elderly set John Vrba's
2 course in life, causing him to dedicate his career to being a
3 care provider for the elderly, climbing the ranks from being an
4 activity aide, to an administrator, and eventually operating
5 his own skilled nursing center, Burgess Square Healthcare and
6 Rehabilitation Centre, where he could set the highest quality
7 standards for those in his care; and

8 WHEREAS, John Vrba understood the value of working with
9 like-minded individuals; he became a member of the Illinois
10 Health Care Association at the outset of his career in skilled
11 nursing care; and

12 WHEREAS, John Vrba used his role at the Illinois Health
13 Care Association to serve as a volunteer advocate for the
14 skilled nursing care profession at both the State and federal
15 level; and

16 WHEREAS, John Vrba has worked diligently to assure
17 appropriate physician oversight for the frail elderly happens
18 throughout the State as a member of the board of directors for
19 the Illinois Medical Directors Association; and

20 WHEREAS, John Vrba's humanitarian spirit could not be
21 contained in the skilled nursing profession; he also serves on
22 the board of the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor

1 Foundation, a group dedicated to the eradication of this
2 horrible affliction; and

3 WHEREAS, John Vrba, after serving in many roles for the
4 Illinois Health Care Association, eventually assumed the
5 presidency in 2013, and now finds his term as such ending;
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 congratulate John F. Vrba on his tenure as president of the
10 Illinois Health Care Association and for his continued
11 commitment to Illinois's elderly citizens; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to John Vrba and his family as a symbol of our
14 respect and esteem.