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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Robert J. Wingert on the occasion of his retirement after more than 42 years as president of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI); and

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WHEREAS, In 1974, community bankers from across Illinois formed the Independent Community Banks of Illinois to nurture the great independent banking system in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Wingert joined the then-Independent Community Banks of Illinois (ICBI) as its first employee and executive director in March of 1975; in 1987, ICBI became the Community Bankers Association of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Wingert currently serves as the CEO and President of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Through passionate never-ending effort, Bob Wingert ably, enthusiastically, and tirelessly worked to strengthen the voice of community banking and led the association through more than 40 years of growth and change; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert has also served the Independent
2 Community Bankers of America as a committee member, delegate,
3 and member of the board of directors; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert has overseen the evolution of CBAI
5 into one of the preeminent state banking associations in the
6 nation, second to none in Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert has enthusiastically championed the
8 importance of community banks in Illinois, including its small
9 businesses, farmers, community endeavors, students, and
10 consumers; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois community banks could not have found a
12 more true and fierce advocate for the past 42 years than Bob
13 Wingert; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert's legacy will be a continued strong
15 and vibrant community banking profession, which is the economic
16 foundation of America's main street; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert and his wife, Diane, are the parents
18 of four children, Doak, Paige, Chase, and Cash; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Wingert's tenure as president of CBAI will
20 officially end on December 31, 2017; 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 congratulate Robert J. Wingert on his retirement after more
4 than 42 years as president of the Community Bankers Association
5 of Illinois, and we wish him the best in all his future
6 endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Bob Wingert as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.