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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative and
4 House Republican Floor Leader Peter Breen on his distinguished
5 service to the 48th Legislative District and the people of
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was a member of the Illinois House of
8 Representatives from 2015 to 2018 and served the body with
9 honor and distinction; and

10 WHEREAS, The people of DuPage County were well-served by
11 the leadership and bipartisanship of Rep. Breen during his two
12 terms in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen graduated from Naperville North High
14 School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical
15 Engineering from Vanderbilt University, finishing his B.S. in
16 three years; he went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the
17 University of Notre Dame; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to taking his seat in the General Assembly,
19 Rep. Breen served from 2011 to 2014 as a trustee and acting
20 village president for the Village of Lombard; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his service in the General
2 Assembly, Rep. Breen practices constitutional law and is
3 employed as special counsel for the Thomas More Society, a
4 not-for profit law firm specializing in defense of religious
5 liberty rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen and his wife, Margie, are raising their
7 two sons, Matthew and James, in Lombard; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was elected to the Illinois House of
9 Representatives in November of 2014 and took his oath of office
10 in January of 2015; he was re-elected to the 48th District seat
11 in November of 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership and expertise,
13 Rep. Breen was appointed to serve in February of 2017 on the
14 Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR), a
15 bi-partisan, bi-cameral legislative oversight committee; and

16 WHEREAS, In further recognition of his leadership within
17 the 51-member House Republican Caucus, Rep. Breen was elevated
18 to the position of House Republican Floor Leader in July of
19 2017, where he served the caucus as the lead debater on bills
20 brought to the House floor for discussion and debate; and

21 WHEREAS, During his four years in the Illinois House of

1 Representatives, Rep. Breen served on several influential
2 House Committees, including the Energy, Financial
3 Institutions, Judiciary-Civil, Labor & Commerce, Public
4 Utilities, Restorative Justice, Consumer Protection, Economic
5 Development & Housing, and Insurance Committees; he also served
6 on the Workers' Compensation, Tort Liability Law, Real &
7 Personal Property Law, and Civil Process Subcommittees; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen always promoted honest dialogue
9 regarding all points of view on legislative issues and has been
10 a fierce advocate of balanced budgets and responsible spending;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was respected for his unwavering
13 support of rights for unborn children; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the last four years, Rep. Breen ushered 32
15 bills into law as the chief sponsor and championed dozens of
16 other bills that became laws as a chief co-sponsor or sponsor;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was the chief sponsor of Public Act
19 100-0186, an electronic document filing bill that will save
20 small businesses and non-profits millions in filing fees; and

21 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen also authored Public Act 100-0024,

1 known as "Charlie's Law", which provides for mandated insurance
2 coverage of medically-advised treatments for those afflicted
3 with PANDAS/PANS; and

4 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen showed a commitment to public safety by
5 serving as the chief Republican negotiator of bipartisan
6 legislation signed into law as Public Act 100-0607, which
7 provides a procedure for family members or law enforcement to
8 petition for an emergency restraining order to prohibit a
9 dangerous person from possessing firearms; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen worked with suburban families with
11 autistic children who attend Lombard's Soaring Eagle Academy
12 and passed legislation signed into law as Public Act 100-0667,
13 which allows the Soaring Eagle Academy to transport its K-8
14 students to off-site locations for learning opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen has been honored with a multitude of
16 awards and recognitions during his time in the General
17 Assembly, including the Guardian of Small Business Award from
18 the Illinois branch of the National Federation of Independent
19 Businesses, the Perfect Scorecard for Environmental
20 Stewardship Award from the Illinois Environmental Council, the
21 Champion of Free Enterprise Award from the Illinois Chamber of
22 Commerce, the TMA Perfect Score Award from the Illinois
23 Technology & Manufacturing Association, and the Friend of

1 Manufacturing Award from the Illinois Manufacturers'
2 Association; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate State Representative Peter Breen on making a
6 positive difference in the lives of the people he represented
7 in the 48th District, DuPage County, and across Illinois, and
8 we wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to Rep. Breen, his wife, Margie, and their sons, as
12 an expression of our esteem and respect for our colleague and
13 friend.