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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Assistant Republican
4 Leader and State Representative David Reis on his years of
5 distinguished service and hard work on behalf of the people of
6 the State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis was born on September 15, 1964; he
8 attended Jasper County public schools and then graduated from
9 Lake Land Community College and the University of Illinois with
10 a bachelor's degree in agriculture; and

11 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis is a farmer and a businessman; he lives
12 in Jasper County on his family's fifth-generation farm near the
13 village of Ste. Marie, where the Reis family has farmed for
14 over 150 years; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1993, Rep. Reis co-founded JC Co-op, where he
16 served as general manager for seven years; from 1997 to 2004,
17 he served on the board of directors of the Illinois Pork
18 Producers Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis's wife, Maria Strelka Reis, is a special
20 education teacher at the Nuttall Middle School in Robinson;
21 they have two wonderful children, Nicholas and Adriana; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis was first elected in 2004 to serve the
2 people of the 108th District; he was re-elected six times to
3 represent the 108th District and the current 109th District,
4 consisting of nine counties in southeastern Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2017, in recognition of his leadership, Rep.
6 Reis was promoted to the role of Assistant Republican Leader
7 for the House Republican Caucus under House Republican Leader
8 Jim Durkin; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis serves on the powerful House Executive
10 Committee, which considers the State's most important and
11 contentious bills; he also serves as Republican Spokesperson
12 for several House committees, including Business and
13 Occupational Licenses, Business Incentives for Local
14 Communities, Community College Access and Affordability, and
15 Insurance: Health and Life; he has also been a longtime member
16 of the Appropriations - Public Safety Committee and Financial
17 Institutions Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, As a free-market conservative, Rep. Reis is
19 honored to serve on the board of directors and as the Illinois
20 State Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
21 and as the Public Chair of ALEC's Energy, Environment and
22 Agriculture Task Force; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis was instrumental in the passage of
2 important legislation related to energy policy and hydraulic
3 fracturing, job creation, concealed carry, and raising the
4 speed limit on Illinois interstate highways; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis has been the recipient of numerous
6 legislative honors and awards, including the Illinois Farm
7 Bureau's Friend of Agriculture Award and the Illinois Chamber
8 of Commerce's Champion of Free Enterprise Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Reis is a member of the St. Thomas Catholic
10 Church in Newton, the Newton Knights of Columbus, the Sons of
11 the American Legion, the Jasper County Farm Bureau, the Jasper
12 County Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois State Rifle
13 Association, the National Rifle Association, the National
14 Federation of Independent Business, and the Illinois Pork
15 Producers Association; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate our friend and colleague, State Rep. David Reis,
19 on his retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives,
20 and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Reis and his family as an expression of our
3 esteem and respect.