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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague, State Representative Al Riley, for his nearly 12 years as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank him for his dedicated service to our State and to his community; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Riley was born in Chicago to a union steward and civil rights leader who focused on improving fair housing and equal opportunity, which, as a teenager, piqued his interest in public policy and quantitative research; and

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WHEREAS, Professionally, Representative Riley is an urban planner and a statistician; he has worked as a Chief Planner and Director in county government, a Director in Institutional Research and Planning for Thornton Community College, and a Director of Biostatistics and Computer Services for the Illinois Cancer Council; for 11 years, he has also worked as a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Governor's State University; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Riley proudly served his country on active and reserve duty in the United States Army from 1972 until 1978 in the branches of Psychological Operations and

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1 Civil Affairs; and

2 WHEREAS, Since joining the Illinois General Assembly,  
3 Representative Riley has dedicated his abundance of skills to  
4 making progress on issues of resource allocation and equity for  
5 the Southland region of the Chicago metropolitan area; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Riley served as the Chairman of the  
7 House Mass Transit Committee and worked to produce landmark  
8 Mass Transit legislation which brought a permanent south  
9 suburban seat on the Metra Board, increased funds for  
10 innovative transit solutions for PACE, a bond issue promise for  
11 new cars, improvements on the Metra Electric line, and  
12 development of the SouthEast Service line to provide reliable  
13 transit to the Southland; and

14 WHEREAS, During an unprecedented State budget impasse,  
15 Representative Riley took a crucial step toward resolving the  
16 crisis by leading the charge on reforming state procurement  
17 operations as a major portion of a bargain to move the state  
18 forward; his efforts were integral in expanding access for  
19 small businesses and minority contractors to conduct business  
20 with the State of Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Riley has served on many civic and  
22 charitable foundations, including the executive boards of the

1 Boy Scouts of America-Calumet Council, the Illinois  
2 Philharmonic Orchestra, Jazz in the Park for Charity, the Unity  
3 Coalition of the South suburbs, and the UIC College of Urban  
4 Planning Alumni Association; he is also a member of the Alpha  
5 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Theta Mu Lambda Chapter; and

6 WHEREAS, All who had the honor to serve with Representative  
7 Riley will miss his friendship, kindness, sincerity,  
8 unparalleled wit, and his unwavering commitment to his family,  
9 his community, and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate and thank State Representative Al Riley for his  
13 years of dedicated service; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Representative Riley as an expression of our  
16 esteem, respect, and best wishes.