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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to extend their congratulations to Jerry
4 Skogmo on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director
5 of the Renz Addiction Counseling Center; and

6 WHEREAS, The Renz Addiction Counseling Center is a
7 non-profit organization that began in Elgin in 1961; it was
8 founded by a small group of concerned business leaders in order
9 to combat rising issues involving alcohol misuse they witnessed
10 in the local workforce; today, it provides a continuum of care
11 dedicated to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of
12 addictive behaviors related to alcohol, drugs, and gambling;
13 services range from prevention programs for youth in schools to
14 outpatient treatment programs for adolescents and adults;
15 priority is given to pregnant women and women with dependent
16 children; and

17 WHEREAS, The Renz Addiction Counseling Center is funded in
18 part by the federal government, Elgin Township, the Illinois
19 Department of Human Services, Hanover Township, Geneva, St.
20 Charles 708 Mental Health Boards, and other local community
21 organizations; it has offices located in Elgin, St. Charles,
22 and Streamwood; and

1 WHEREAS, Jerry Skogmo became the Renz Addiction Counseling
2 Center's third Executive Director in 1996; for the last 24
3 years, his efforts were instrumental in the center's expansion
4 and evolution; he expanded programing to include gambling use
5 disorder treatment, DUI services, and intensive outpatient
6 services in the clinical program as well as the Employee
7 Assistance Services program; he obtained federal SAMHSA grants
8 to expand services to reduce HIV infection, increase access to
9 substance use disorder treatment for women, and enhance
10 community coalitions to reduce underage drinking and drug
11 use/misuse; he also played an integral role in the Renz
12 Addiction Counseling Center's merger with the Ecker Center for
13 Mental Health in 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, Previously, Jerry Skogmo worked as a clinician and
15 program director at the Ecker Center from 1978 to 1990 and a
16 clinical director at Turning Point Behavioral Health Care
17 Center from 1990 to 1996; he served on the Illinois Association
18 for Behavioral Health (formerly IADDA) for 15 years; he is a
19 current member of the Kiwanis Club of Elgin; and

20 WHEREAS, Jerry Skogmo will continue his work with the Elgin
21 for Mental Health Referendum, an initiative to support the
22 creation of a 708 Mental Health Board for Elgin Township; he
23 will also remain in the private practice he shares with his
24 wife Mindy Skogmo as a licensed clinical professional counselor

1 (LCPC) and certified addictions counselor; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Jerry Skogmo on the occasion of his retirement
5 as the Executive Direction of the Renz Addiction Counseling
6 Center after 24 years; and be it further

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