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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate their colleague
4 Representative Mike Unes on the occasion of his retirement as
5 State Representative of the 91st District after serving five
6 distinguished terms in the General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Unes served as Assistant Minority
8 Leader in the House of Representatives; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Unes strived to do the very best
10 for the people of his district, providing the constituent
11 service that those citizens deserve and bringing forth
12 legislation that bettered the lives of those citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Unes worked within his caucus and
14 across the aisle to pass many pieces of important legislation,
15 which resulted in a positive impact on the people of the State
16 of Illinois, despite serving the entirety of his term in the
17 minority party; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Unes remained true to the
19 principles of honesty and service to the State in the face of
20 tough decisions and trying times; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Unes served as a dedicated leader
2 focused on an agenda for families of Fulton, Tazewell, and
3 Peoria Counties that included fiscal responsibility,
4 attracting employers back to Illinois, and reforming state
5 government ethics; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Unes received his bachelor's
7 degree from Bradley University in 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Unes served on the East Peoria City
9 Council, where he oversaw accounts and finance and served as
10 mayor pro tem, from 2007 until he took office as a state
11 representative; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Unes has been recognized and has
13 received many accolades for his outstanding work ethic and
14 achievements, including being named East Peoria's
15 Distinguished Citizen of the Year; he was also named Legislator
16 of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police,
17 ABATE of Illinois, and the Illinois Healthcare Association; he
18 was named an inaugural Edgar Fellow for his demonstrated
19 positive leadership; he also received the Friend of Agriculture
20 Award by the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Electric
21 Cooperatives' Public Service Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Unes has been honored for his

1 commitment to improving Illinois' climate for employers; he was
2 named a Champion of Free Enterprise three times by the Illinois
3 Chamber of Commerce, which also named him Outstanding Freshman
4 Legislator; he was recognized by the Illinois Manufacturers'
5 Association multiple times for his commitment to Illinois
6 manufacturing; in addition, he was thrice awarded the Guardian
7 of Small Business Award by the National Federation of
8 Independent Business/Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Unes resides in East Peoria with
10 his wife, Natalie, and their four children, Meghan, Nathan,
11 Michelle, and Nicholas; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Unes' commitment to public service
13 and his business experience have been invaluable to the General
14 Assembly and House Republican Caucus; and

15 WHEREAS, After his time in Springfield, Representative
16 Unes will continue his commitment to service, working to
17 improve central Illinois as Vice President of the UnityPoint
18 Health - Central Illinois Foundation; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we honor State Representative Mike Unes for his work in the
22 Illinois House of Representatives and wish him all the best on

1 his retirement from the General Assembly; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Representative Unes as an expression of our esteem
4 and respect.