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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative and  
4 Assistant Minority Leader Grant Wehrli on his distinguished  
5 service to Illinois' 41st District and the people of Illinois;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli was a member of the Illinois  
8 House of Representatives from 2015 to 2020 and served the body  
9 with honor and distinction; and

10 WHEREAS, During his three terms, Representative Wehrli  
11 served the people of DuPage and Will Counties with leadership  
12 and bipartisanship; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli is a lifelong resident of  
14 Naperville, with a rich family history dating back to the  
15 1840s; he attended District 203 Schools; he attended the  
16 Florida Institute of Technology and Southern Illinois  
17 University at Carbondale, where he studied Aviation Management  
18 and Aviation Flight; and

19 WHEREAS, Prior to serving in the General Assembly,  
20 Representative Wehrli served as a councilman for the City of  
21 Naperville from 2005 to 2014; prior to that, he was the

1 chairman of the Naperville Planning Commission; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli also previously served on  
3 the Naperville Development Partnership, the Naperville  
4 Riverwalk Board, the Naper Settlement Museum Board, and the  
5 DuPage Mayors and Managers Legislative Committee; he coached  
6 Naperville Park District soccer, Little League, YMCA  
7 basketball, and St. Raphael youth football; he studied at the  
8 National Outdoor Leadership School; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli took his seat in the House  
10 of Representatives in January 2015; in recognition of his  
11 leadership, he was elevated to the position of Assistant  
12 Minority Leader in 2018, where he served as part of the  
13 nine-member House Republican Leadership Team; and

14 WHEREAS, During his six years of service, Representative  
15 Wehrli served as the ranking Republican on the Labor & Commerce  
16 and Cities & Villages Committees; he also served on several  
17 influential House committees, including the House Executive  
18 Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli always promoted honest  
20 dialogue on all points of view on legislative issues and was a  
21 fierce advocate of balanced budgets and responsible spending;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli was a leading voice in the  
2           General Assembly for ethics reform, and he sponsored or  
3           co-sponsored dozens of bills that would improve behavioral  
4           standards for elected officials; and

5           WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli was a strong voice of  
6           support for the State's most vulnerable populations and  
7           sponsored several pieces of legislation to improve the quality  
8           of life for individuals and families living with developmental  
9           disabilities and autism; he also promoted legislation to  
10          improve circumstances and wages for the frontline workers who  
11          provide care and services to the developmentally disabled and  
12          autistic community; and

13          WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli was the leading Republican  
14          voice in Springfield for environmental protection; and

15          WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli passed several pieces of  
16          taxpayer-friendly legislation, including pivotal pension  
17          double-dipping bills that prohibited two classifications of  
18          state workers from taking advantage of loopholes within the  
19          Illinois pension system; and

20          WHEREAS, Over the last six years, Representative Wehrli  
21          ushered 102 bills into law as the chief sponsor, passed 66

1 resolutions, and championed dozens of other bills that became  
2 laws as a chief co-sponsor or sponsor; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli has been honored with a  
4 multitude of awards and recognitions during his time in the  
5 General Assembly, including the Guardian of Small Business  
6 Award from the Illinois branch of the National Federation of  
7 Independent Businesses, the Perfect Scorecard for  
8 Environmental Stewardship Award from the Illinois  
9 Environmental Council, the Champion of Free Enterprise Award  
10 from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the TMA Perfect Score  
11 Award from the Illinois Technology & Manufacturing  
12 Association, and the Friend of Manufacturing Award from the  
13 Illinois Manufacturers' Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Wehrli is the husband of Sharon and  
15 father of their sons, Jake and Luke; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate State Representative Grant Wehrli on making a  
19 positive difference in the lives of the people he represented  
20 in the 41st District, in DuPage County and Will County, and  
21 across Illinois, and we wish him all the best in his future  
22 endeavors; and be it further

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