



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Rollins Currie is retiring after more than 57  
3 years at the Bloomington Country Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Rollins grew up in Centralia, and started working  
5 for the Bloomington Country Club on March 22, 1947; he worked  
6 his way up from dishwasher, to locker attendant, to head of the  
7 Grill Room, before being made Assistant Manager in January  
8 1981; he has eight children, nine grandchildren, and three  
9 great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, He has worked hard through the years training the  
11 hundreds of employees who have come and gone; he tried to  
12 impress upon them the values of honesty, integrity, and good  
13 service at all times; he has done "about everything at the  
14 club", including waiting and bussing tables, shining shoes, and  
15 even keeping the books; one of the greatest rewards of his many  
16 years is the number of former employees who come back to see  
17 him; one of his greatest achievements is his success in adding  
18 more children's activities and parties at the club; and

19 WHEREAS, For 27 years, he walked to and from work,  
20 averaging 12 miles a day; typically, he would time his early  
21 morning walk to arrive at the club around 8 a.m.; he would work  
22 until 2 p.m., and walk back home; he would then return to the  
23 club at 5 p.m., and return home at 11 p.m. or midnight; people  
24 along his route knew him as "the man with the cigar"; his  
25 favorite times to walk would be in the misty rain or just at  
26 dark in the winter when it was just beginning to snow; and

27 WHEREAS, And now he is walking into retirement; his last  
28 day at the Bloomington County Club will be December 31, 2004;  
29 he will continue his practice of keeping his nine grandchildren  
30 and three great-grandchildren by himself for four days every  
31 January, but he will miss the "kids" in his larger, extended

1 family, which is now how he thinks of the members at  
2 Bloomington Country Club; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate Rollins Currie on his many years of exemplary  
6 service with the Bloomington Country Club and we wish him all  
7 the best in his retirement; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Rollins Currie as an expression of our admiration  
10 and esteem.