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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A retirement celebration will be held in honor of Paul V. Johnson, Assistant Executive Director of Rolling Prairie Library System (RPLS) in Decatur, on June 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson holds a B.A. in English and a Master of Library Sciences from the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, He joined RPLS in 1973 as Interlibrary Loan Librarian, in an era where there was no automation of any kind at the System; he became involved in library system automation in 1976; he supervised the initial process of automating one library, and during the next 29 years, he participated in three migrations to different automation vendors and helped the system automation project grow to over 140 libraries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson became Assistant Executive Director of RPLS in 1984; he shared in the administrative responsibility for two extensive building remodelling projects; and

WHEREAS, Paul and his wife Mitzi have been married almost 32 years; they have four children, Rachael (husband Al) Ludwig, Rebecca Johnson, Frank Johnson, and Ben Johnson; and

WHEREAS, He is an active member of St. Patrick Parish and the Knights of Columbus in Decatur; he is President of the St. Teresa School Board and is a member of the Macon County Draft Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Paul V. Johnson on the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. Johnson as an expression of our respect and
2 esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.