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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize and congratulate John
4 N. McGovern as he steps down as the Executive Director of the
5 Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) after
6 16 years of outstanding leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, The Northern Suburban Special Recreation
8 Association is an intergovernmental partnership of the park
9 districts of Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park,
10 Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette, and
11 Winnetka, the Cities of Highwood and Lake Forest, and the
12 Village of Riverwoods; and

13 WHEREAS, During John N. McGovern's tenure, the NSSRA has
14 been cited for numerous awards by the National Therapeutic
15 Recreation Society, the National Institute on Recreation
16 Inclusion, the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association, and
17 the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section; and

18 WHEREAS, John N. McGovern has been a leader in the field of
19 parks and recreation in Illinois and across the nation; he has
20 been a long-time advocate for recreation services for persons
21 with disabilities and is committed to access to recreation for
22 all people; and

1 WHEREAS, As an advocate for individuals with disabilities,
2 John N. McGovern has led many of the legislative efforts
3 affecting Special Recreation Associations in Illinois over the
4 last twenty years; and

5 WHEREAS, John N. McGovern is an active member of the Joint
6 Legislative Committee of the Illinois Parks and Recreation
7 Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts,
8 through which he brilliantly lead the charge to introduce and
9 successfully pass Senate Bill 1881, a piece of legislation that
10 allows for residents across the State to advocate and receive
11 year-round special recreation services; and

12 WHEREAS, John N. McGovern's experience and education make
13 him a sought-after speaker and nationally recognized expert on
14 the application of the American with Disabilities Act to public
15 parks and recreation; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 extend our congratulations to John N. McGovern on all of his
19 success and wish him the best in the future as he continues to
20 be an advocate for access to recreation for all people; and be
21 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to John N. McGovern as an expression of our esteem.