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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate John M. Zeunik on the occasion of his retirement as County Administrator of McLean County on May 22, 2009 after rendering outstanding service to the citizens of McLean County since May 23, 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Loyola University of Chicago in 1971 and his Master of Arts degree in Public Administration and Urban Studies from Loyola University of Chicago in 1978; he graduated from the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik began his professional career as a Social Studies Teacher at St. Ignatius College Prep High School in Chicago in 1973; he also served as Chairman of the Social Studies Department at St. Ignatius College Prep High School from 1973 to 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik began his distinguished career in public service as an Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer for the Cook County Bureau of Administration in 1977; as an Assistant, he provided valuable assistance to the Chief

1 Administrative Officer, directed the Economic Development
2 Program, and administered the Single Family Mortgage Revenue
3 Bond Program until 1984; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik advanced in his public service career
5 to become an Associate Administrator for Operations at Cook
6 County Hospital in Chicago, serving as a member of the
7 hospital's Senior Management Team responsible for planning,
8 developing, and implementing hospital-wide programs and
9 policies, as well as exercising direct line management
10 responsibility for thirteen support service departments from
11 1984 to 1986; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik further enhanced his background by
13 serving as Vice President of the Midwest Region Public Finance
14 Office of E.F. Hutton & Company, Inc. in Chicago, where he
15 provided public finance investment banking services to State
16 authorities and agencies, local municipal clients,
17 not-for-profit corporations, hospitals, and for-profit
18 corporations in a ten-state region from 1986 to 1988; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik has served as McLean County
20 Administrator since May of 1988, having led the financing and
21 construction of a \$20 million addition to the Law & Justice
22 Center, a nationally recognized \$4 million Juvenile Detention
23 Center, a \$3.5 million acquisition and renovation of the

1 Government Center, and a \$9.5 million renovation of the Law &
2 Justice Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik has developed and managed the McLean
4 County Budget as it has grown to over \$77 million per year; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik has served as a Visiting Guest Lecturer
6 at Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University,
7 an Instructor for the University of Illinois Cooperative
8 Extension, and a Lecturer at Eureka College; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik has served his community in many
10 capacities; he has served as Chairman of the Metro McLean
11 County Centralized Communications Center Governing Board; he
12 is a member of the National Association of Counties
13 Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee and the
14 Illinois City-County Managers Association; he has served as
15 President of the Illinois Association of County
16 Administrators; he is a member of the United Way of McLean
17 County's Board of Directors; he is also Chairman and a member
18 of the Board of Directors of the McLean County American Red
19 Cross of the Heartland; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Zeunik has served his community and his
21 profession with intelligence, dedication, and the highest
22 integrity; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate John M. Zeunik on the occasion of his retirement
4 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to John Zeunik as a symbol of our esteem and respect.