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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kenneth C.
4 Robbins, President of the Illinois Hospital Association, on his
5 upcoming retirement after 33 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Ken Robbins has served as President of the
7 Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) since 1983; he has been
8 instrumental in developing public policy and leading the
9 advocacy endeavors of the association for the 200 hospitals and
10 health systems throughout the State of Illinois; he has worked
11 to find common ground among the full range of Illinois
12 hospitals, small, rural, urban, specialty, investor-owned, and
13 academic medical centers; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure as IHA President, spanning the
15 terms of six Illinois governors, he has worked tirelessly to
16 develop strong relationships with legislators of both parties,
17 enhancing the reputation of IHA as a credible, fair, and highly
18 respected source of critical information regarding the health
19 care delivery system and the needs of patients throughout
20 Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, hospitals represented by
22 IHA have strengthened their partnership with the State of

1 Illinois in serving as the foundation of our health care system
2 for all Illinoisans; and

3 WHEREAS, He has served the State of Illinois as a member of
4 the Illinois Task Force on Health Planning Reform and as a
5 member of the Adequate Health Care Task Force; and

6 WHEREAS, From 1979 to 1991 he shared his expertise in law
7 and public policy as a lecturer in health law for the Kellogg
8 Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University in
9 Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Ken Robbins served with distinction as a member of
11 the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and
12 Illinois Air National Guard, and retired as Colonel and Chief
13 Judge Advocate General in 1994 after 29 years of dedicated
14 service to Illinois and his country; and

15 WHEREAS, As IHA President, he serves as chief executive
16 officer of the IHA's subsidiary corporations, Association
17 Venture Corporation, and Illinois Hospital Research and
18 Educational Foundation, and as a Board Member of IHA's Illinois
19 Compensation Trust, Illinois Provider Trust, and Health Care
20 Associates Credit Union; he serves on the State Hospital
21 Association Executives Forum and is a member of the American
22 Bar Association, the American Hospital Association, the

1 American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, the Illinois
2 Association of Hospital Attorneys, the International Hospital
3 Federation, the American College of Healthcare Executives, the
4 Economic Club of Chicago, and the University Club in Chicago;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Illinois Hospital
7 Association as its General Counsel in 1976, he was legal
8 counsel for the Committee on Government Regulation of the
9 Massachusetts Legislature and a partner in a Boston law firm;
10 he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of
11 Massachusetts, Amherst, and a law degree from Suffolk
12 University Law School, Boston; he and his wife, Eileen, have
13 eleven grandchildren; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Kenneth C. Robbins on his retirement; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Kenneth C. Robbins as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.