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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Channahon Park  
4 District Commissioner George A. McCoy on his retirement from  
5 the Channahon Park District on May 27, 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, George McCoy was an elected Channahon Park  
7 District Commissioner continuously from August 1971 to May  
8 2009, for over 38 years of elected service; and

9           WHEREAS, He was one of the five first elected commissioners  
10 when the Park District was formed in 1971 and is the last of  
11 the original commissioners to still serve on the Board; he  
12 served over 17 years as Park District Board President, and was  
13 involved in every decision and accomplishment the park district  
14 has ever had; and

15           WHEREAS, He has watched the District grow from a single  
16 leased park location to a park system that includes over 450  
17 acres of public open space at 22 locations, with nationally  
18 recognized, award winning facilities in Heritage Bluffs Public  
19 Golf Club and Heritage Crossing Field House, and a community  
20 center facility, aquatic center, and indoor roller skating  
21 rink; and

1           WHEREAS, During his time of service the District has won  
2 the National Gold Medal Grand Award as the top park and  
3 recreation agency in the nation among communities under 25,000  
4 population; and

5           WHEREAS, The District offers over 1,200 different  
6 recreation programs and special events annually to the  
7 community, now numbering 17,800 residents; the District  
8 provides policy and budget oversight to an agency that grew  
9 from one part-time staff person and an annual operating budget  
10 of \$34,500, to a staff of 24 full-time positions and over 300  
11 part-time and seasonal staff positions, with an operating  
12 budget in excess of \$4,450,000; and

13           WHEREAS, He and his wife, Juanita, have three children,  
14 Michelle, Denise, and George, and eleven grandchildren;  
15 therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate George McCoy on his retirement and thank him for  
19 his years of commitment and dedication to the Channahon Park  
20 District; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to George A. McCoy as a symbol of our respect.