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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize State Representative  
4 Ron Wait for his outstanding service and hard work on behalf of  
5 the people of the State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Wait, who was first elected in  
7 1983, has served a total of 25 years in the Illinois House of  
8 Representatives, making him the longest currently serving  
9 House Republican member; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition to his service as State  
11 Representative, he has served his community as an accountant,  
12 attorney, coach, farm manager, and special education teacher;  
13 he holds a J.D. from Drake University Law School, an M.B.A.  
14 from Northern Illinois University, an M.S. in Special Education  
15 from Northern Illinois University, and a B.S. in Accounting  
16 from Drake University; and

17           WHEREAS, Representative Wait served as a Trustee at  
18 Belvidere United Methodist Church, a Trustee at the Citizen's  
19 Waste Management Board, and as a Trustee at The Children's Home  
20 and Aid Society; he also served on the Highland Hospital Board  
21 where he was previously president, the Janet Wattles Mental  
22 Health Board, as well as The United Way Advisory Board; and

1           WHEREAS, Representative Wait played a pivotal role in the  
2           citing and retention of the Chrysler Assembly facility in  
3           Belvidere that has fueled the local economy and created  
4           thousands of jobs throughout his representative district; and

5           WHEREAS, Representative Wait has been a tireless advocate  
6           for the reduction of teen smoking, focusing on increasing  
7           education, and deterrents aimed at tobacco and minors; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Wait has consistently stood by his  
9           belief that, in all, the State of Illinois is better served by  
10          less legislation and regulation and therefore consistently  
11          maintained a minimalistic legislative philosophy where less  
12          was more; and

13          WHEREAS, Representative Wait will be conspicuously missed  
14          as a permanent fixture at nearly every extra-curricular  
15          function and reception to be added to the social calendar as he  
16          has been during his twenty five years of service to the people  
17          of northwest Illinois; therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20          congratulate Representative Ron Wait on his retirement from the  
21          Illinois House of Representatives and wish him the best in his

1 future endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to State Representative Ron Wait as a symbol of  
4 gratitude for his years of service.