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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Elliott Hartstein
4 on his retirement as Buffalo Grove Village President; and

5 WHEREAS, As Village President, Elliott Hartstein was a
6 leader in many forums, including the Northwest Municipal
7 Conference, where he served as President; the Metropolitan
8 Mayors Caucus, where he served on the Executive Committee; the
9 Illinois Municipal League, where he served as a Vice President
10 and Member of the Board of Directors; and the Lake County
11 Municipal League, where he had served as Secretary; and

12 WHEREAS, He was also appointed by the Lake County Board to
13 represent Lake County on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for
14 Planning, where he has served on the Executive Board and as
15 Vice Chairman; he was instrumental in preparing the 2040 Plan
16 for the Seven County Region while serving on the Agency; and

17 WHEREAS, He helped organize and served as the founding
18 President of the Northwest Suburban JCC; he served on the Board
19 of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and served as
20 Vice Chairman of the Federation's Committee on Soviet Jewry,
21 and he served on the National Board of the National Conference
22 for Soviet Jewry; and

1 WHEREAS, He has also been actively involved in the Jewish
2 United Fund to raise funds for social welfare needs, and the
3 Annual Walk for Israel; he served the Crohn's and Colitis
4 Foundation, where he locally served as Vice President and
5 nationally on the Board of Directors; he chaired the Citizens
6 Advisory Committee for School District 96, served on the Ad Hoc
7 Committees to build Prairie School, Twin Groves Junior High,
8 and the Woodlawn and Country Meadows schools, as well as
9 referendum committees for the Park District; and

10 WHEREAS, He will continue to work with economic development
11 on the Milwaukee corridor and redevelopment on Dundee Road, the
12 expansion and improvement of commuter rail service on the North
13 Central Commuter line, the extension of Route 53, and a center
14 for the performing arts as a joint project of the Village and
15 Park District; on the State level he will continue to work
16 toward pension and budget reforms, campaign finance reform,
17 redistricting reform, educational funding reform, and a fairer
18 tax system through a progressive income tax constitutional
19 amendment; and

20 WHEREAS, During his time as Village President, the
21 community built the Arboretum Clubhouse, worked with the State
22 to secure the expansion and improvement of Route 22, and worked
23 with Lake County to expand and improve Deerfield Parkway; they

1 improved the community newsletter and webpage; and the commuter
2 rail line saw the completion of double tracking and working to
3 get freight lines reduced; and

4 WHEREAS, The community was a leader in becoming smoke free
5 and encouraging other communities and the State of Illinois to
6 follow their example; as a result, Buffalo Grove was a Gold
7 Award winner from the Metropolitan Clean Air Counts campaign;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Buffalo Grove created an
10 amazing Arts Commission, and introduced an Invitational Fine
11 Arts Festival and Symphonic Band; a Farmers Market was
12 introduced, and additions like Affinity Health Care, Escape
13 Family Entertainment Center, a new Dominick's, new Walgreen's
14 stores, and Leica Camera Company; and

15 WHEREAS, Buffalo Grove has seen many new and positive
16 changes while Elliott Hartstein has served as Village President
17 and will miss his leadership; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Elliott Hartstein on his retirement and wish
21 him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Elliott Hartstein as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.