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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative
4 Harry "Randy" Ramey on his service and accomplishments in the
5 General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey has been a resident of DuPage
7 County for 35 years and Carol Stream for the last 23 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey's commitment to public
9 service and politics began in the 1980's while serving in Youth
10 in Government at York Community High School and as an election
11 judge for York Township; he also was an active member of the
12 Young Republicans and College Students for Ronald Reagan at the
13 University of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey received his bachelor of
15 science in restaurant management from the University of
16 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1985; and

17 WHEREAS, Prior to his distinguished career in public
18 service, Representative Ramey used his academic and managerial
19 training to succeed in the food service industry; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey worked for the Illinois

1 Secretary of State in the Department of Senior and Community
2 Services as an Outreach Representative between the years of
3 1992 and 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, As a resident of Carol Stream, Representative
5 Ramey served as a committeeman of the Wayne Township Republican
6 Organization in 1993, vice-chairman in 2000, and chairman in
7 2004, 2010, and 2012; he was also elected to serve as the
8 chairman of the DuPage County Republican Party in 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey began his career in public
10 service with his election in 1999 as trustee to Wayne Township;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey was first appointed to the
13 55th House District seat in 2005 when former State
14 Representative John Millner was appointed to the 28th State
15 Senate District; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey is known in the General
17 Assembly as a proud fiscal conservative who has consistently
18 opposed higher taxation, such as the 67% state income tax hike,
19 and has opposed budgets that relied on borrowing and tax and
20 fee increases; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey will be remembered for his

1 outstanding record of support for Illinois teachers and his
2 efforts to create a balanced budget, pro-growth business
3 climate, and lower state taxes and fees; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey is especially proud of his
5 leadership in negotiations between State and federal officials
6 to move forward the Kerr-McGee clean-up of West Chicago,
7 reforming the DuPage Water Commission, and successfully
8 passing Rapid Repat out of the House of Representatives with
9 bi-partisan support; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey fought against non-residents
11 and non-citizens from receiving taxpayer based benefits; he
12 also saved taxpayers millions of dollars by working with the
13 Illinois Press Association to lower rates of mandated
14 government postings; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey forged bi-partisan support
16 on legislation he sponsored or co-sponsored in the House of
17 Representatives including: tax credits to manufacturers to
18 create jobs, expansion of safe haven locations to drop off
19 newborn infants, the sunset of the DuPage Water Commission's
20 1/4 cent water sales tax, promotion of victims' rights by
21 having defendants found not guilty of murder by insanity placed
22 in facilities far from family members of the murder victim,
23 making it harder for government to seize private property,

1 creation of a statewide murder registry, reduction of property
2 taxes for areas hit hard by foreclosures, preventing registered
3 sex offenders from logging onto social networking sites,
4 increasing benefits for war veterans, requiring income
5 verification to qualify for the state's free health care
6 programs, increasing eligibility for the Senior Citizens
7 Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, combating domestic
8 abuse and abuse of the elderly, demanding convicted sexual
9 predators to wear a GPS tracking device, and allowing citizens
10 to recall corrupt public officials; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey was privileged to co-sponsor
12 2 resolutions commending the World Champion St. Louis
13 Cardinals; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey is a committed campaign
15 volunteer to the Republican party with notable services in the
16 election campaigns of Pate Phillip for Senate (1985-2004),
17 George Bush for President (1988 & 1992), Bob Dole for President
18 (1996), George W. Bush for President (2000), and as a delegate
19 for Wayne Township at the Illinois Republican Convention (2000,
20 2004, 2008 & 2012); and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey proudly served as Master
22 Mason and 3rd Degree of the Elmhurst Masonic Lodge; he is also
23 a member of the Scottish Rite and Medinah Shrine Temple; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey proudly served as a
2 volunteer for numerous civic organizations, including Wayne
3 Township General Assistance, Northern Illinois Food Bank, and
4 Heritage Lake School; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Ramey has served with distinction
6 as the Republican spokesperson for both the Counties &
7 Townships committee and the State Government Administration
8 committee; he has also served as a diligent committee member on
9 the Appropriations-General Service committee, Consumer
10 Protection committee, Telecommunications committee, Tourism &
11 Conventions committee, Special License Plate, and the Local
12 Government Administration Subcommittee; and

13 WHEREAS, State Representative Ramey is the proud father of
14 3 children, Alexandra, Christopher, and Zachary; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate our friend and colleague, Representative Randy
19 Ramey, on his retirement from the Illinois House of
20 Representatives and wish him the best in his future endeavors;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to State Representative Randy Ramey as a symbol of
3 our respect and esteem.