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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to honor Arlan Juhl, P.E., on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Office of Water Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and

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WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has served the people of Illinois with distinction since joining the Office of Water Resources as an engineer in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl became Chief of the Office of Water Resources Division of Planning in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl became Director of the Office of Water Resources on January 1, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Arlan Juhl, the Office of Water Resources has embarked on a public safety and environmental enhancement initiative to remove or modify dangerous lowhead dams on Illinois waterways; and

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WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has overseen management of major waterway improvement capital projects, including the life extension of the Stratton Lock and Dam on the Fox River; and

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1 WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has championed floodwater management -
2 including working with federal and local officials on urban
3 floodwater projects and downstate levee improvements on
4 Illinois's major rivers; and

5 WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has promoted floodplain mapping and the
6 coordination in Illinois of the National Flood Insurance
7 Program, through which Illinois has provided a model program,
8 saving property owners and taxpayers millions of dollars; and

9 WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has overseen enhanced regulation of
10 Illinois' Lake Michigan Water Allocation Program, helping
11 ensure the water supply for 7,000,000 residents of northeast
12 Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has promoted regional, locally
14 organized long-range water supply planning for the benefit of
15 all Illinoisans; and

16 WHEREAS, Providing protection of public waters and the
17 public trust through strict permitting of projects on and along
18 the State's inland waters have been hallmarks of Arlan Juhl's
19 tenure; and

20 WHEREAS, Arlan Juhl has provided expert analysis and action
21 recommendations during times of flood emergencies along the

1 State's major waterways; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we honor Arlan Juhl on his
5 retirement as Director of the Office of Water Resources,
6 Illinois Department of Natural Resources, thank him for his
7 dedication to the people of the State of Illinois, and wish him
8 well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Arlan Juhl as an expression of our esteem and
11 respect.