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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor the life of former Westmont Mayor
4 William H. Rahn, who passed away at the age of 71, on November
5 11, 2013, ending a remarkable life of political service; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Rahn was born and raised in Westmont,
7 leaving only to attend college at Northern Illinois University,
8 where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's
9 degree in special education and counseling; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Rahn's life of public service began when he
11 served as the Chairperson of the Westmont Planning and Zoning
12 Commission, as well as Chairperson of the Cable Commission; he
13 first ran for public office in 1983, when he was elected to the
14 position of Village Trustee; he was also a founding member of
15 the Westmont Historical Society as well as a lifetime member of
16 the Westmont Lions Club and the Westmont Chamber of Commerce;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Rahn began serving as Mayor of Westmont in
19 1999, a position he held until his retirement in 2013, and is
20 Westmont's longest serving mayor for consecutive years; he
21 became known to many in the village as simply "Mayor Bill"; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Rahn is recognized for his lifelong
2 dedication to the Village of Westmont and its citizens, as well
3 as a committed community leader and devoted family man; and

4 WHEREAS, In honor of Mayor Rahn's service to the Village of
5 Westmont, a scholarship fund will be developed in his memory;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Rahn is survived by Jill, his loving wife of
8 40 years, his 3 children, Peter, Heidi, and Danika, and several
9 grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we honor the life of Bill H. Rahn, former Mayor of the Village
13 of Westmont, and offer our sincere condolences to his family
14 and friends; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Mayor Rahn as a symbol of our
17 sincere sympathy and respect.