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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Steven R. Bordner
4 on the occasion of his retirement as a 9th Judicial Circuit
5 Court Judge after 20 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner, a Farmington native and lifelong
7 Fulton County resident, earned his undergraduate degree from
8 Illinois College in 1977; he went on to receive his Juris
9 Doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in
10 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner began his career by practicing law
12 at the firm Collins & Bordner in Lewistown, where he remained
13 for over 15 years; he also served as a Special Assistant
14 Attorney General for the State of Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner left the practice in 1995 when he
16 was appointed as an Associate Circuit Court Judge for the 9th
17 Circuit; he was elected as a full Circuit Court Judge in 2010;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner has handled every type of case,
20 ranging from parking tickets to murder cases; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner is an incredibly accomplished
2 Circuit Court Judge; he has served every county in the 9th
3 Circuit, which consists of the counties of Fulton, McDonough,
4 Knox, Hancock, Warren, and Henderson, and has also served Cook
5 County; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner's most significant criminal case
7 was a double homicide in which 3 others were also injured; he
8 ruled that the defendant be sentenced to death, and even though
9 the case was appealed, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled
10 unanimously to uphold his decision, a rare occurrence for the
11 Supreme Court; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Bordner has broken the mold of Circuit Court
13 Judge beyond its administrative duties with a desire to tackle
14 community issues for the benefit of all; he has a focused
15 resolve that has earned him the respect of any who knows him;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Steven R. Bordner on his retirement as a 9th
20 Judicial Circuit Court Judge and we wish him continued success
21 and happiness in the future; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to Judge Bordner as a symbol of our esteem and
2 respect.