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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Robert L. Johnson, Sr. on 20 years as a Trustee with the Peoria Park District Board; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Johnson, Sr. was appointed to the Board as Southern District Trustee in 1995; he was re-elected in 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, and 2013; he served as Vice-President of the Board in 1999, 2006, and 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Johnson, Sr. has a record of community service through neighborhood associations and school advisory groups; he served as a member of the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Joint Publication Committee, the Joint Distinguished Committee, and on the Program Committee of the Illinois Association of Park Districts; he currently serves on the Riverfront Program and Policy Advisory Committee and has been a member since 2001; he served as Chairman of the Park District Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, and currently serves as Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Johnson, Sr. has successfully presented grant requests to Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grants, including:

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1 Logan Park Basketball Courts and Picnic Shelters, \$200,000;
2 Proctor Recreation Center Park and Water Playground, \$212,500;
3 Southtown/Carver Park Ball fields and Habideck, PHASE 11,
4 \$200,000; and Mossville Soccer, \$393,700; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Johnson, Sr. is an inductee of the African
6 American Hall of Fame Museum, Inc. and has been recognized for
7 his efforts in conjunction with the development of the John
8 Gwynn Family Aquatic Center and Park, Logan Park renovations,
9 and most recently, the Proctor Recreation Center Water
10 Playground and Park; he is the recipient of the "1999 Citizen
11 of the Year Award" from Men of Theta Xi, Graduate Chapter Omega
12 Psi Phi Fraternity, recognizing outstanding community
13 leadership; in 2000, he received the Dr. Martin Luther King,
14 Jr. Drum Major Award; in January of 2012, he was awarded the
15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award for Cultural
16 Development; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2001, Robert Johnson, Sr. received the
18 "Hometown Hero" award, presented by Peoria Area Convention and
19 Visitors Bureau for his involvement in bringing the Illinois
20 Association of Park Districts convention to Peoria with
21 approximately 3,000 participants for a 4-day convention; in
22 2005, he was inducted into the South-West Kiwanis Club "The One
23 With the Dash"; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Johnson, Sr. and his wife, Gail, have been
2 married for 38 years and have 4 children; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Robert L. Johnson, Sr. on 20 years as a Trustee
6 with the Peoria Park District Board, and we wish him many more
7 successful years; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Robert Johnson, Sr. as an expression of our esteem
10 and respect.