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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Greg Koos on the occasion
4 of his retirement as the Executive Director of the McLean
5 County Museum of History; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Koos has served the McLean County Museum of
7 History for 39 years; he was first hired as a part-time
8 employee; he then became the full-time Archivist and Site
9 Manager; he assumed his current role as Executive Director in
10 1987; and

11 WHEREAS, The McLean County Museum of History has become an
12 American Alliance of Museums accredited museum under his
13 leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, With Greg Koos' unwavering dedication to
15 preserving local history and his commitment to assuring access
16 to it, he has transformed the museum and its library and
17 archives, with its educational programs and exhibits for all
18 ages, into a thriving destination in downtown Bloomington and
19 all of McLean County; and

20 WHEREAS, Greg Koos has authored several successful project
21 grants; he has been a successful fundraiser, providing

1 diversified public and private funds for the museum's financial
2 sustainability; and

3 WHEREAS, Greg Koos has been a strong advocate for museums,
4 archives, and historic sites, serving in a variety of
5 leadership roles on several local and State boards,
6 commissions, and councils, including the Illinois Historic
7 Preservation Agency, the McLean County Abraham Lincoln
8 Bicentennial Commission, the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory
9 Council, the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, the Institute
10 of Museum Services, and the Illinois State Historical Society,
11 and others; and

12 WHEREAS, Greg Koos is a researcher, a writer, an archivist,
13 and a curator; he is known as a walking encyclopedia of McLean
14 County history; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Greg Koos on his retirement as the Executive
18 Director of the McLean County Museum of History; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Greg Koos as an expression of our esteem and
22 respect.