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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Virgil Becker on the occasion of his retirement as board member of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Becker was born in Smithton on April 1, 1933; he has dedicated his life to public service and to his family, including his wife of almost 62 years, Jolene, his 4 children, his 8 grandchildren, and his 10 great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Becker worked as a carpenter, ran Becker's Corner Tavern, and founded Becker Floor Covering, which is still in the family today; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Becker served on the Smithton Village Board from 1965 to 1989 before serving as Mayor of Smithton from 1989 to 2005; he rejoined the Village Board in 2007, bringing his time on the Village Board to 52 years; and

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WHEREAS, Virgil Becker was appointed by Governor Jim Edgar to the Kaskaskia Regional Port District board in 1992, representing St. Clair County for 24 years as one of 15 uncompensated board members on the board and serving as

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1 Assistant Treasurer; and

2 WHEREAS, As a member of the Kaskaskia Regional Port
3 District board, Virgil Becker participated in the
4 diversification of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District from
5 single commodity shipping on the river to over five different
6 commodities today; and

7 WHEREAS, Virgil Becker helped lead the Kaskaskia Regional
8 Port District to be the 76th largest port in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Virgil Becker will be retiring from his position
10 as a Kaskaskia Regional Port District board member in 2016;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 thank Virgil Becker for his many years of public service and
15 congratulate him on his retirement; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Virgil Becker as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.