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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate James Buchanan on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Business Manager of Pipe Fitters  
5 Local 597; and

6           WHEREAS, James Buchanan completed his 5-year  
7 apprenticeship in 1975; he is also a Certified Welder; and

8           WHEREAS, James Buchanan served as a Business  
9 Representative for Pipe Fitters Local 597 from 1998 to 2001; he  
10 served as a Delegate for the Chicago Federation of Labor from  
11 1991 to 1998; he has been a Building Trades Journeyman since  
12 1975; he also attended United Association Conventions as a  
13 delegate in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011; and

14           WHEREAS, James Buchanan has served as Business Manager of  
15 Pipe Fitters Local 597 since 2001; as Business Manager, he has  
16 managed the day-to-day operations for Local 597's 10,300-plus  
17 members; he serves as Chairman of the Local's Pension Fund and  
18 as Trustee of the Local's Welfare Fund, 401(k) Plan, and  
19 Wholesalers Pension Plan; he also oversees 14 full-time  
20 business representatives covering 23 counties, 18 in Illinois  
21 and 5 in northwest Indiana; he also serves as the United  
22 Association's District 4 Vice-President; and

1           WHEREAS, James Buchanan is a member of numerous  
2 organizations, including the Chicago and Cook County Building  
3 and Construction Trades Council, the United Association  
4 Reciprocity Committee, the Amalgamated Bank Labor Council, the  
5 Plumbers Local 130 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the  
6 UA/BM Jurisdiction Committee/International, the Resolution and  
7 Laws Committees of the United Association National Convention,  
8 the Local 597 Apprenticeship Committee, Pirates, Inc. (a  
9 charitable organization for aid to children with Down  
10 Syndrome), and the RTA Board; and

11           WHEREAS, James Buchanan serves as a model of hard work,  
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 congratulate James Buchanan on the occasion of his retirement  
17 and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and  
18 be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to James Buchanan as a symbol of our esteem and  
21 respect.