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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Mark McLeRoy on his retirement and recognize his many years of public service; and

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WHEREAS, Mark McLeRoy's political career included serving as Alderman for the Freeport City Council from 1961 to 1969, Mayor of the City of Freeport from 1969 to 1989, Chairman of the Stephenson County Republican Party from 1990 to 1992, and Stephenson County Board Member from 1990 to 2002; he was also a Stephenson County Republican Precinct Committeeman at various times from 1960 to 1994 for a total of 18 years; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure as Freeport Mayor, Mark McLeRoy was a member of the Northern Illinois Mayors Association from 1969 to 1989 where he served as President from 1974 to 1975; and a member of the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors from 1973 to 1989, serving as President from 1982 to 1983; he was invited to the White House by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 and was appointed to the Illinois Local Government Law Enforcement Officers Training Board from 1985 to 1989 by Governor James Thompson; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure as a Stephenson County Board Member, Mark McLeRoy served on the United Counties Council of

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1 Illinois Executive Committee from 1999 to 2016 (Treasurer  
2 2013-2016), on the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust  
3 Executive Committee from 1999 to 2016 (Treasurer 2003-2015), as  
4 the County Board Finance Chairman from 1998 to 2002, as the  
5 County Board Representative for Union Negotiations from 1998 to  
6 2002, and as County Board Representative - Jane Addams Trail  
7 Commission from 1997 to 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, Mark McLeRoy has an extensive volunteerism  
9 career; he coached in the Freeport Grade School League from  
10 1945 to 1957 and was one of three individuals to help organize  
11 Freeport Little League Baseball in 1951 where he coached from  
12 1952 to 1964; he was a member of the Salvation Army Advisory  
13 Board from 1971 to 1978, a member of the Norman Sleezer  
14 Juvenile Home Board from 1981 to 1989 (President four years), a  
15 member of the Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging Board  
16 from 1991 to 2012, serving at times as Finance Chairman, Vice  
17 President, and President; and a member of the State Legislative  
18 Committee for the American Association of Retired Persons  
19 (AARP) from 1995 to 2000; he received a Congressional  
20 Appointment to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995 and  
21 worked with FHN Meals on Wheels from 2005 to 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, Mark McLeRoy married Shirley J. Pohl in Freeport  
23 on April 30, 1954; their daughters are Sue (Jeffrey) Hartman  
24 and Patti (Steve) Rhode; their granddaughters are Lauren (Nate)

1 Simonton and Emily Rhode; their grandson is Mark Rhode; and  
2 their great-granddaughter is Gianna S. Simonton; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark McLeRoy is a 33rd Degree Mason; therefore, be  
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5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 wish to congratulate Mark McLeRoy on his retirement and  
8 recognize his many years of public service and we wish him the  
9 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Mark McLeRoy as a symbol of our respect and  
12 esteem.