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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate International Union of
4 Elevator Constructors (IUEC) General President Frank J.
5 Christensen on his decades of service to the labor community;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen, a proud Chicagoan, joined
8 the IUEC as a member of Local 2 in Chicago upon his high school
9 graduation in 1979; and

10 WHEREAS, After working for 15 years on job sites in and
11 around Chicago, Frank J. Christensen sought elected office
12 within Local 2; and

13 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen was elected to serve as an
14 executive board member and vice president concurrently from
15 1994 to 1998; he also served as secretary of the executive
16 board, acting business representative, a Joint Apprenticeship
17 Committee Board member, and Local 2 president before being
18 appointed business manager in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen was ultimately elected
20 business manager in a special election in 2001, and he was
21 re-elected three more times, making him the longest serving

1 business manager in Local 2's history, a record that still
2 stands today; and

3 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming general president of the IUEC,
4 Frank J. Christensen held numerous leadership roles within the
5 IUEC and throughout Chicago's labor community, including
6 serving as IUEC vice president, a trustee and an instructor to
7 the IUEC's educational program, chairman of the Illinois
8 Elevator Safety Review Board, a director to multiple labor
9 councils, and a member of the Chicago and Cook County Building
10 Trades Labor Leaders Council, to name just a few; and

11 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen became general president of
12 IUEC upon unanimous election by the IUEC's General Executive
13 Board on September 11, 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen was appointed vice president
15 of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the
16 AFL-CIO in December 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, For his service to organized labor and his
18 community, his passion for honoring our military, and his
19 pursuit of social justice, Frank J. Christensen has received
20 numerous awards and recognitions from a variety of
21 organizations, including the U.S. Marine Corps, Shriner's
22 Hospital, the Special Olympics, and the Boy Scouts of America,

1 as well as being named Chicago and Cook County Labor Man of the
2 Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Among his community service, one of Frank J.
4 Christensen's most passionate pursuits is supporting Chicago's
5 own Toy Box Connection; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank J. Christensen's greatest source of pride,
7 without a doubt, is his family, his wife, Lynn, who was his
8 high school sweetheart, his four children, and his large
9 extended family; family is truly everything to him; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate International Union of Elevator Constructors
14 (IUEC) General President Frank J. Christensen for his years of
15 service to the building and construction trades of the United
16 States of America and to the Chicago labor community; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That we affirm every word of these
19 congratulations reflects the decisive support that Frank J.
20 Christensen received, at every step along his way, from his
21 work mates in the Chicago labor community and especially from
22 his family; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to Frank J. Christensen and his wife, Lynn
3 Christensen, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.