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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to thank and congratulate Henry Harms for
4 40 years of service to the State of Illinois, including the
5 past 27 years as Fiscal Officer for the Office of the Speaker;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Henry Harms began working for the State of
8 Illinois as a high school student through the Illinois
9 Government Youth program in 1983; his official employment
10 began when he started working for State Representative Michael
11 D. Curran before transferring to work for the Speaker of the
12 House; and

13 WHEREAS, Henry Harms then accepted a position in the House
14 of Representatives copy and file room, often staying at work
15 until as late as 4 a.m. on session days; and

16 WHEREAS, Henry Harms joined the House Fiscal Unit under
17 then-Fiscal Officer Shirley McCombs in 1996 before taking over
18 as House Fiscal Officer in 1998, a role he has continued to
19 fulfill ever since; and

20 WHEREAS, For 27 years, Henry Harms' hard work, unflinching
21 professionalism, and tireless attention to detail made it

1 possible for generations of House staff to have received
2 reliable and timely payroll and benefits; and

3 WHEREAS, Henry Harms has not only served with character
4 and effectiveness in all these roles but has also raised a
5 family while doing so; and

6 WHEREAS, The Harms family, including Henry's wife of 39
7 years, Terri, his adult children, Abby Bretz, Kaitlyn Harms,
8 and Molly Harms, his son-in-law, Kyle Bretz, and his
9 grandchildren, Lilly and Sam Bretz, have also played an
10 important role in his success through their love and support;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Henry Harms' 40 years of service to the Illinois
13 House of Representatives and the people whose voices it
14 represents is an uncommon act of public service that is both
15 commendable and praiseworthy and has earned him the deep and
16 abiding gratitude of the body; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we thank and congratulate Henry Harms as he marks 40 years of
20 service to the State of Illinois, the General Assembly
21 thereof, and the people of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we wish Henry Harms and his family
2 continued success and happiness for as long as he may decide to
3 continue serving the people of Illinois and thereafter; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Henry Harms as an expression of our gratitude,
7 esteem, and great respect.