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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend D. Court Harris on his years
4 of service as chairman of the Chicago Executive Airport Board;
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6 WHEREAS, Court Harris, a graduate of the United States
7 Military Academy at West Point, served in the U.S. Army for
8 over five years, where he managed air base logistics in
9 Afghanistan, ensured logistical support across Central Asia,
10 managed multimillion-dollar budgets, and oversaw teams and
11 assets; and

12 WHEREAS, Court Harris assumed the role of chairman of the
13 Chicago Executive Airport Board on July 22, 2017; in this
14 role, he helped steer the airport through a period of
15 incredible growth, modernization, and deepened community
16 involvement, leading the board with a rare blend of strategic
17 insight, steadfast leadership, and a genuine passion for
18 community engagement; and

19 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Court Harris oversaw Chicago
20 Executive Airport hiring a new executive director and
21 launching the Residential Sound Insulation Program, an
22 initiative that has already brought noise relief to over 35

1 homes in Prospect Heights and Wheeling; he also oversaw the
2 adoption of the Airport Spotlight program to celebrate the
3 dedicated individuals who contribute daily to the airport's
4 success; and

5 WHEREAS, Court Harris ensured Chicago Executive Airport
6 maintained its commitment to being self-sustaining and to
7 generating revenue from users rather than burdening local
8 taxpayers, and he championed the long-term update of Chicago
9 Executive Airport's Master Plan, confirming its future growth
10 would be guided by a commitment to sustainability and being a
11 good neighbor to surrounding communities; he also helped grow
12 the airport's annual 5K event from 400 participants to over
13 1,000, transforming it into a signature community event; and

14 WHEREAS, Court Harris' leadership was pivotal in
15 attracting the largest development in Chicago Executive
16 Airport's history, known as the Sky Harbour development, which
17 included over 300,000 square feet of new development and the
18 acquisition of the former Ramada Inn; and

19 WHEREAS, Court Harris has been an active member of
20 numerous organizations, including the Arlington Heights Police
21 and Fire Commission, the board of directors of the West Point
22 Society of Chicago, the St. Viator Alumni Association, the
23 Council of 100 at The Bunker Incubator, the Chicago Sister

1 Cities International Committee for Milan, the National
2 Italian-American Foundation, Team RWB, the Knights of
3 Columbus, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

4 WHEREAS, Court Harris is the husband of Colette, and
5 together they are the parents of one daughter, Morgan; and

6 WHEREAS; Court Harris' thoughtful leadership, community
7 partnership, and tireless service has ensured Chicago
8 Executive Airport will continue to grow stronger, more
9 connected, and better prepared in the future; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we commend D. Court Harris on his eight years of service as
13 chairman of the Chicago Executive Airport Board, and we wish
14 him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Court Harris as a symbol of our esteem and
17 respect.