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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Kevin Wallace on the occasion of his retirement as Village President of the Village of Bartlett; and

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WHEREAS, President Wallace has held his position across three straight terms since 2013, allowing the Village of Bartlett to reap the rewards of his dedicated service for the past 12 years; his distinguished leadership and thoughtful guidance have helped to successfully shape the village during more than a decade of growth and change in all its sectors, including public, residential, industrial, and commercial; and

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WHEREAS, During President Wallace's tenure, the Village of Bartlett completed a new state-of-the-art police station for its Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) certified police department, joined the DuPage Water Commission to turn the valves on a much-anticipated transition to Lake Michigan water, and put the finishing touches on a multi-year, \$35 million, American Public Works Association (APWA) award-winning water reclamation facility improvements project; and

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WHEREAS, President Wallace, amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, thoughtfully worked with

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1 the Village Board of Trustees and staff to balance the needs
2 and wants of a modern community while maintaining a balanced
3 budget, level taxes, a strong bond rating, and high levels of
4 service to keep the village safe and its infrastructure sound,
5 and most importantly, he helped preserve and celebrate
6 Bartlett's rich heritage and much treasured small town
7 atmosphere; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2023, President Wallace saw a reawakened vigor
9 in the Village of Bartlett's residential development sector
10 when the village welcomed The Grasslands, a new community of
11 traditional, single-family homes, three-story townhomes, and
12 ranch-style, single-family homes and duplexes, to its West
13 Bartlett Road and IL Route 59 site; and

14 WHEREAS, When President Wallace initially took the helm,
15 the Village of Bartlett did not have a multi-make car
16 dealership, a second grocery store, or a brewery; due in part
17 to his efforts, the village has welcomed in the last couple of
18 years the Bob Loquercio Auto Group on Lake Street, a brand-new
19 ALDI grocery store to the renovated, revitalized, and renamed
20 Streets of Bartlett shopping center, MORE Brewing to the
21 downtown area, and a bevy of new restaurants, enabling
22 Bartlett's first-ever Restaurant Week this past February; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the course of his leadership, President

1 Wallace has become renowned for his mastery of Tax Increment
2 Financing (TIF) funding; during his time on the Village Board
3 of Trustees, the village successfully completed the Brewster
4 Creek Business Park, developed from a depleted gravel quarry
5 to notably one of the more successful TIF districts in the
6 State, which serves as a home for nearly 80 businesses, 7,000
7 employees, and a multitude of customers and vendors; he was
8 also influential in the Bluff City/Blue Heron area being
9 developed through TIF financing, and just last year, the
10 Village Board approved a new Lake Street TIF district; and

11 WHEREAS, President Wallace's hard work will continue to
12 benefit the residents of the Village of Bartlett for years to
13 come, and his many contributions will leave a lasting mark
14 upon Bartlett; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Kevin
17 Wallace on his retirement as Village President of the Village
18 of Bartlett, thank him for his dedication and service to his
19 community, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to President Wallace as a symbol of our esteem and
23 respect.