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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Richard Wilson McVinnie on the occasion of his retirement from the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) after 43 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McVinnie has lived in Rockford and Loves Park his entire life; he started his career with the RMTD as a mechanics helper on January 22, 1975; he has held several other positions at RMTD, including mechanic, Maintenance Manager, and, for the last 25 years, Executive Director; and

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WHEREAS, During Richard McVinnie's service to the District and the citizens of Rockford, he is credited with many improvements and advancements, which include the implementation of night service in 1995, incorporating Winnebago County Paratransit Service into Rockford Paratransit Service under the RMTD umbrella, starting Sunday service, overseeing the integration of ADA requirements into a fleet of 40 fixed route vehicles, building the East Side Transfer Center, and most recently the renovation of the flagship downtown Transfer Center; and

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WHEREAS, Under Rick McVinnie's direction, RMTD has grown from serving 11 routes in the city of Rockford to 18 routes

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1 encompassing much of the Northern Illinois region, including  
2 Loves Park, Machesney Park, and Belvidere; he was also  
3 instrumental in the start-up of the Stateline Mass Transit  
4 District in Roscoe, Rockton, South Beloit, Rockton Township,  
5 and Roscoe Township; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard McVinnie has served as a member of the  
7 Illinois Public Transportation Association Board (IPTA) and  
8 has advocated for transit improvements throughout his career;  
9 through the IPTA, he and his staff have hosted two IPTA  
10 conferences in Rockford in the last 15 years showcasing all  
11 that Rockford has to offer and bringing visitor revenue to the  
12 city; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard McVinnie is a 1973 graduate of Harlem High  
14 School; he married his high school sweetheart, Susan McVinnie,  
15 in 1974 and has been happily married for 44 years; they have  
16 two children, Jessica and Matthew, and five grandchildren;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate Richard Wilson McVinnie on his retirement from the  
21 Rockford Mass Transit District after 43 years of service; and  
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1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to Richard McVinnie and the RMTD as a symbol of our  
3 respect and esteem.