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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Assistant Minority Leader
4 and State Rep. Chad Hays on his distinguished service to the
5 104th Legislative District and the people of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays was a member of the Illinois House from
7 2010 to 2018 and served the body with honor and distinction;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Vermilion and Champaign Counties
10 have been well-served by the leadership and bipartisanship of
11 Rep. Hays during his four terms in the Illinois House of
12 Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays graduated from Catlin High School in
14 1981, from Danville Area Community College in 1983, and from
15 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, Prior to taking his seat in the General Assembly,
17 Rep. Hays served as the Vice President of the Provena United
18 Samaritan Medical Center Foundation in Danville, as the
19 administrator for the Family Medical Center in Paris, and as
20 the Director of Planning & Development at the Danville
21 Polyclinic; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays served as Mayor of Catlin for two terms,
2 chaired the Vermilion County Mayor's Council, and was a member
3 of the Board of Directors for many community-based
4 organizations, including the Danville Area Economic
5 Development Corporation (Vermilion Advantage), the Danville
6 Rotary Club, and the Vermilion Area Community Health Center;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays and his wife, Ruth, raised their family
9 in Catlin; together, they are the proud parents of three adult
10 children, Leighton (Anna), Caleb (Alissa), and Damon; they are
11 the doting grandparents of three beautiful grandchildren,
12 Grayson, Wesley, and Genevieve; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays was appointed to the Illinois House of
14 Representatives in December of 2010 and was elected to serve
15 the 104th District in 2012, 2014, and 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership, Rep. Hays was
17 promoted to the role of Assistant Minority Leader for the House
18 Republican Caucus under House Republican Leader Jim Durkin in
19 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays served as the ranking Republican on
21 several influential House Committees, including the powerful

1 House Executive Committee, which considers the State's most
2 important and contentious bills; he also served as the
3 Republican Spokesperson for the Healthcare Availability
4 Access, Community College Access & Affordability, Public
5 Utilities, and Higher Education Committees; and

6 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote bipartisanship and bring
7 lawmakers together, Rep. Hays joined with Republican State
8 Representative Mike Tryon and Democrat Senator Don Harmon to
9 form The Boat Drink Caucus, a band that played regularly in
10 Springfield and at the inauguration of Governor Bruce Rauner;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays has always promoted honest dialogue
13 regarding all points of view on legislative issues and has been
14 a fierce advocate of balanced budgets and responsible spending;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Over the last eight years, Rep. Hays ushered
17 dozens of bills into law as the Chief Sponsor, including
18 landmark insurance network adequacy legislation which offers
19 significant protections and remedies for Illinoisans who rely
20 on narrow preferred provider networks for their health
21 insurance; and

22 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays also championed a new law that improves

1 the reliability of 9-1-1 emergency access service statewide;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Hays has been honored with a multitude of
4 awards and recognitions during his time in the General
5 Assembly, including the Guardian of Small Business Award from
6 the Illinois branch of the National Federation of Independent
7 Businesses in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, the
8 Perfect Scorecard for Environmental Stewardship Award from the
9 Illinois Environmental Council in 2016, the Danville Area
10 Community College's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2014, the
11 Champion of Free Enterprise Award from the Illinois Chamber of
12 Commerce for 2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, and 2017-2018,
13 the Friend of Agriculture Award from the Illinois Farm Bureau
14 in 2012, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Illinois
15 chapter of the National Emergency Number Association in 2017;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate State Rep. Chad Hays on making a positive
20 difference in the lives of the people he represented in
21 Vermilion and Champaign Counties and across Illinois, and we
22 wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Hays, his wife, Ruth, and their family as an
3 expression of our esteem and respect for our colleague and
4 friend.