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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joe Eble on the occasion
4 of his retirement as recording secretary of the Southwestern
5 Illinois Central Labor Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Eble started as recording secretary of the
7 Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council three decades ago;
8 he served the labor movement in the Metro-East area as an
9 invaluable source of information activity for many years,
10 recording labor events in the region and the State; he also
11 assisted in numerous training sessions and conventions on the
12 state and national level, in addition to pamphlet drops, phone
13 banks, and get-out-the-vote campaigns; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe Eble was hired to teach Social Studies,
15 American History, German, and English by the Cahokia School
16 District 187 in 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, Joe Eble became a building representative in
18 1974, and he joined the bargaining team in 1975; he was elected
19 high school vice president by the Cahokia Commonfields
20 Federation of Teachers in 1977, where he later served as the
21 executive vice president and grievance committee chair; he
22 served as president of the union from 1990 to 1999; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe Eble joined the executive board of the
2 Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) in 1991 and its
3 executive committee in 1995; he remains a delegate to the
4 IFT's Southwest Area Council, where he served as the council's
5 treasurer from 1993 to 2016 and the secretary before that; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Eble joined as the executive recording
7 secretary of the Belleville Trades and Labor Organization in
8 2001 and continued in that role when the group became part of
9 the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Eble broadened his efforts to include the
11 larger labor movement for almost 40 years; he served as the
12 treasurer of the 23rd District of the Committee on the
13 Political Education (COPE) and then the 21st District COPE;
14 until last year, he served as treasurer of the 12th District
15 COPE; and

16 WHEREAS, Joe Eble is known as an untiring labor brother
17 who is always striving to help others in both the labor
18 movement and everyday life; he unanimously earned emeritus
19 status by the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council's
20 executive board; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Joe Eble on his retirement as recording
3 secretary of the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council,
4 thank him for his service to the labor movement, and wish him
5 many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Joe Eble as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.