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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Paul Buss on his
4 retirement after 44 years of service as the Jackson Township
5 Highway Commissioner; and

6 WHEREAS, Paul Buss is a 56 year resident of Jackson
7 Township; he has been married to Annette (Mackey) for 56
8 years; they have four children, Tim, Kim, Bryan, and Jason,
9 and 14 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Jackson Township has a population of some 4,100
11 and covers more than 36 square miles; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul Buss served as a Jackson Township Trustee
13 for four years prior to becoming highway commissioner; he is
14 the longest tenured highway commissioner in all of Will
15 County; and

16 WHEREAS, When Paul Buss took the office of Jackson
17 Township Highway Commissioner, there were just two pieces of
18 old equipment for the township; under his leadership, a full
19 vehicle inventory has been outfitted to serve the township,
20 and a garage was built to house the fleet; and

1 WHEREAS, As commissioner, Paul Buss had all township roads
2 paved; he pledged to replace every bridge with a new,
3 code-complaint one, and the last bridge is currently being
4 replaced; he had street lights installed at all major
5 intersections; and

6 WHEREAS, Paul Buss mandated that all projects over \$20,000
7 be done through a sealed bid to ensure fairness and
8 transparency, and he relinquished his pension to save taxpayer
9 money; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Buss has been a member of the Plumbers &
11 Pipefitters Local #422 for 50 years; he is a past member of the
12 Elwood Lions Club; he is a Joliet Catholic Academy alumnus and
13 now serves as a member of the school's board of directors;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Paul Buss on his retirement after 44 years of
18 service as the Jackson Township Highway Commissioner and
19 commend him on his unwavering dedication, service, and
20 leadership; and be it further

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