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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that John A. Canning Jr. is stepping down as co-chair of Big Shoulders Fund; and

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WHEREAS, The mission of Big Shoulders Fund is to provide support to schools with demonstrated need that provide a quality, values-based education in a safe and structured environment for deserving children; and

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WHEREAS, John Canning has served as co-chair of Big Shoulders Fund for over 25 years and will now continue as a trustee and co-chair emeritus; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure, John Canning has helped raise more than \$500 million to support students in under-resourced communities in Chicago, grown the Big Shoulders Fund network into 92 schools covering Chicago and Northwest Indiana, and ensured the continued viability of these essential community-based organizations; and

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WHEREAS, The Rita and John Canning Scholarship has helped

1 thousands of promising and deserving students at Big Shoulders
2 Fund schools, and as of 2022, John Canning's Canning Scholars
3 have enrolled in college, persisted, and graduated from
4 college above national rates; and

5 WHEREAS, On countless occasions, John Canning stepped in
6 both personally and in his role as co-chair with generous
7 financial support to provide pathways to brighter futures for
8 students; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate John Canning on his dedication and hard work
12 as co-chair of Big Shoulders Fund for the last 25 years and
13 wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to John Canning as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.