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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Gerald W. "Jerry" Adelman on the occasion of his retirement from serving as head of the environmental conservation organization Openlands; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman received undergraduate and graduate degrees at Georgetown University and George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman joined Openlands in 1980 to coordinate a special program that led to the creation of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, the first federal land designation of its kind; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by this model, Gerald Adelman launched the Canal Corridor Association in 1982 to work within the heritage corridor; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Gerald Adelman was appointed as head of Openlands; under his guidance, Openlands launched the 21st Century Open Space Plan, which called for expanded parklands, greenways, and trails in northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region; and

1 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman played an instrumental role in
2 establishing the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and formed
3 conservation partnerships across the region; and

4 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman has been involved in conservation
5 and historic preservation projects in China since the early
6 1990s; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2008, Gerald Adelman has served as an
8 international advisor to the Yangon Heritage Trust in Myanmar,
9 advising on regional planning and sustainable development; and

10 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman lectures extensively throughout
11 the United States and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman is the vice chair of the Center
13 for Humans and Nature and an emeritus member of the National
14 Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic
15 Preservation; he also chairs the City of Chicago's Nature and
16 Wildlife Committee and is a member of several other boards and
17 commissions; and

18 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman's conservation and preservation
19 work has earned him prestigious accolades, including the
20 Hutchinson Medal from the Chicago Botanic Garden in 2012 and

1 an honorary doctorate from Lewis University; he is also an
2 honorary member of the American Association of Landscape
3 Architects; and

4 WHEREAS, Gerald Adelman has managed to save large swaths
5 of the local landscape for future generations; therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Gerald W. "Jerry" Adelman on the occasion of
10 his retirement from serving as president and CEO of the
11 environmental conservation organization Openlands; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Gerald Adelman as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.