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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 congratulate Raymond A. "Ray" Altmix on his 50 years in  
4 community banking; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Altmix began his community banking career in  
6 1973 when he served as a courier at Mercantile Trust & Savings  
7 Bank in Quincy and advanced to become the consumer loan  
8 department manager in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Altmix continued his career at four  
additional banks in Illinois, serving as vice president and  
senior vice president; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Altmix moved to Marion to serve as President  
and CEO of The Bank of Marion in 1999, where he was also a  
member of the bank's board of directors; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Altmix has led The Bank of Marion and The  
First Southern Bank's significant growth over the years from a  
150 million dollar bank with four locations to a one billion  
dollar bank serving a dozen communities with 18 locations and  
ever-increasing significant economic contributions to those  
Southern Illinois communities; and

1           WHEREAS, Ray Altmix has been actively involved in his  
2 communities and has served on many boards, including the State  
3 of Illinois United Way board as well as various local United  
4 Way boards; he has served in leadership positions supporting  
5 fundraising for charitable causes such as the Arthritis  
6 Foundation, for which he has been recognized on the national  
7 level; he has also been a member of various civic groups; and

8           WHEREAS, Ray Altmix has been actively involved as a member  
9 of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI),  
10 serving as a board member and group director; he was named a  
11 CBAI Outstanding Member in 2010 and is dedicated to CBAI's  
12 mission of ensuring that community banks remain competitive  
13 for the benefit of their customers and the communities they  
14 serve through effective delivery of quality education,  
15 representation, and essential products and services;  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate  
19 Raymond A. "Ray" Altmix on his 50 years in community banking  
20 and wish him many more wonderful years; and be it further

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