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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere appreciation to John Patrick Carney (Rick) for his many years of service as DuPage County Recorder; and

WHEREAS, Rick and his wife, Patricia, have raised four children, Alicia, Kathryn, Kevin, and Brian; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin in 1965, and later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969 from the University of Dubuque in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Rick began his professional career as an owner and operator of Carney Custom Decorating, he then became a partner of Platinum Venture Partners I and II, and then was an Arbitrator in the 18th Judicial Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, He has served as the County Recorder for five straight terms beginning in 1984; in his first term as Recorder, he oversaw the complete computerization of the Recorder's Office; in his second term, he implemented a state-of-the-art optical imaging system for all documents, bringing the records management of the Recorder's Office to the leading edge of technology; this innovation has been recognized in several magazines and newspaper publications; and

WHEREAS, He completed the computer link between the DuPage County Recorder and the Cook County Recorder that allows the research of information from either county location; this is the first system of its kind within the United States whereby two counties have interchangeable information; and

WHEREAS, He served as a member of Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan's Commission on Electronic Commerce and Crime which

1 developed the Electronic Commerce Security Act; and

2 WHEREAS, Rick bravely served his country in the U.S. Army
3 from 1969 to 1975; and

4 WHEREAS, He is a member of countless professional and civic
5 organizations, including Founder and Chairman of the United
6 States Association of Recorders, Illinois Association of
7 Recorders and Clerks, Founder of Illinois Elected Recorders
8 Conference, National Association of County Officials,
9 International Association of Recorders and Clerks, DuPage
10 County Computerization Committee, St. John's Northwestern
11 Military Academy Board of Trustees, Illinois Arts Council
12 Foundation Board Member, YMCA DuPage Club Board of Directors,
13 and many more; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Rick's tenure, the DuPage County Recorder's
15 Office has utilized technological advancements to better serve
16 the residents of the county; and

17 WHEREAS, We recognize his service to DuPage Country, and
18 salute his dedication to improving the Recorder's Office;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 do hereby offer our congratulations to John Patrick Carney
23 (Rick) on his retirement and express our gratitude for his many
24 years of public service; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to Mr. Carney.