



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mayor Dan Cougill of the City of Charleston has
3 retired after 12 years in office; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cougill returned to his Charleston hometown in
5 June 1992 with his wife, Sallie, after retiring as an Air Force
6 brigadier general; his Air Force service included assignments
7 in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm, where he was director of
8 command and control communications for all U.S. and allied
9 coalition forces; and

10 WHEREAS, He served three consecutive terms, with his tenure
11 as mayor beginning in April 1993; on the campaign trail, he
12 said the city needed a long-term plan for infrastructure
13 improvements and economic development; his later efforts
14 helped produce strategic and comprehensive plans for growth,
15 followed by updates to the city's 34-year-old zoning ordinances
16 and development regulations; he also moved Charleston into the
17 city manager form of government, a change voters approved 3,808
18 to 2,287 in 1996; and

19 WHEREAS, He recognized the value in extending water and
20 sewer lines to the Coles Business Park, building a new water
21 tower and replacing the water treatment plant, opening the
22 Woodyard Conservation Area along Illinois Route 130, expanding
23 the Eastern Illinois University's Fine Arts Center, and
24 developing the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum and the Kiwanis
25 Park amphitheater, which he helped to construct; the
26 amphitheater is home to the Charleston Community Band, in which
27 he plays the tuba; and

28 WHEREAS, He brought an organized, detailed approach to
29 government that he combined with a great work ethic; he was a
30 particularly good planner and provided the city with
31 considerable professionalism; his presence will be felt for

1 many years through the wide-ranging actions that the city has
2 taken during his tenure; and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Cougill's accomplishments have earned him
4 respect and admiration, and the citizens of Charleston are very
5 appreciative of his service to the community; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we commend Mayor Dan Cougill for his many years of outstanding
9 service and dedication to the City of Charleston; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Mayor Dan Cougill as an expression of our esteem.