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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate James E. Mentesti on the
4 occasion of his retirement after 27 years of service to the
5 Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF); and

6 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has been helping business grow in
7 Quincy and Adams County since 1986; he serves as director of
8 the Rural Adams Development Corporation and is a member of the
9 35-county Tri-State Development Steering Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, James Mentesti served as director of development
11 for 11 years at Quincy College (now Quincy University) and was
12 later administrative manager of Quintron Corporation in
13 Quincy; he graduated from Quincy College with a bachelor of
14 science degree in business management; and

15 WHEREAS, James Mentesti's major accomplishments as GREDF
16 president include: the retention of Knapheide Manufacturing
17 after the flood of 1993, the Teska Study for Downtown
18 Development, the East Broadway Corridor Study, creation of the
19 Tri-State Development Summit, several quality of life
20 initiatives, creation of the Rural Adams Development
21 Corporation, development of the Adams County GIS System,
22 procuring industries to locate in the Edward Schneidman

1 Industrial Park, being named the Illinois Development Council
2 Developer of the Year in 1991, and serving as the Illinois
3 Development Council President from 1994-1995; and

4 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has worked tirelessly to recruit
5 businesses for his community, including Blue Cross-Blue
6 Shield, Wis-Pak Bottling Company, Jos. A. Bank, Cullinan
7 Properties, Home Depot, Prince Agri Products, and Fitzpatrick
8 Brothers; and

9 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has had many community leadership
10 roles, serving as charter director of the Community Foundation
11 of the Quincy area, Quincy University Trustee Emeritus,
12 president of the Quincy University Foundation, past president
13 of the Quincy Parks Foundation, board member of the Jackson
14 Lincoln Swimming Complex, past president of the First Tee of
15 Great River, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Quincy, past
16 president of Spring Lake Country Club, board member of the
17 Quincy area Chamber of Commerce, steering committee member of
18 the Salvation Army Kroc Center, and past board member of the
19 Workforce Investment Board of Western Illinois; therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
23 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate James Mentesti

1 on his service as president to the Great River Economic
2 Development Foundation and his retirement after 27 years with
3 the foundation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to James Mentesti as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.