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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gerald Gulley on 4 the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of SHORE 5 Community Services, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley has worked for SHORE Community 7 Services, Inc., a not-for-profit agency working with children 8 and adults with developmental disabilities (DD) for over 41 9 years; he has served as Executive Director of the organization 10 for the last 34 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley has always put SHORE's mission, 12 which is to improve the quality of life for persons with 13 developmental disabilities, first; with over 500 individuals 14 served annually, Gerald has ably led the organization in 15 providing services that enable people to live life with the 16 best possible quality, dignity, and respect; and

17 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley has been instrumental in the growth 18 and expansion of SHORE's programs, including housing options, 19 programs for vocational training, early intervention, and seniors and adults 20 programs for with severe/profound 21 developmental disabilities; under his leadership, the agency 22 recently recorded its highest netting fundraiser, with HR0623 -2- LRB097 14734 GRL 59738 r \$132,000 raised in April; and

2 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley is a member of the Illinois 3 Rehabilitation Association, the Governor's Planning Council on 4 Developmental Disabilities, and the Chicago Community Trust's 5 Persons With Disabilities Board; he is also a past president 6 and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Evanston; and

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7 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley has been the recipient of numerous 8 awards for his work in the community, including the Outstanding 9 Dedication designation as the President of the Kiwanis Club of 10 Evanston in 1989 - 1990, the Appreciation Award from SHORE 11 Community Services for 25 years of dedicated service in 1995, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Association of 12 Rehabilitation Facilities in 1999, the Hixson Award from the 13 Kiwanis Club of Evanston in 2001, the Legion of Honor Award for 14 15 25 Years or More of Service from the Kiwanis Club of Evanston in 2002, and the Luis V. Amador Medallion Award for outstanding 16 service within his or her community from the Kiwanis Club of 17 Evanston; he was also honored by the Evanston Chamber of 18 Commerce with the NorthShore University HealthSystem Public 19 20 Service/Nonprofit Award for serving the community for 40 years 21 in 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, Gerald Gulley serves as a model of hard work, 23 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of HR0623 -3- LRB097 14734 GRL 59738 r Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 4 we congratulate Gerald Gulley on the occasion of his retirement 5 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it 6 further

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7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 8 presented to Gerald Gulley as a symbol of our esteem and 9 respect.