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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rick Kahen on the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service with the Buffalo Grove Commission for Residents with Disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, Rick Kahen joined the Buffalo Grove Commission for Residents with Disabilities in 1994, 2 years after it was first created in the village; he has served the commission's chairman for the last decade; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure, Rick Kahen strongly advocated educating the community on disability issues and implementing changes to make the village more accessible for people with disabilities; under his leadership, the commission worked alongside the park district to increase handicap accessibility of the parks, which included such initiatives as poured-in-place surfacing, ramps, panel games and even swings, and took a proactive approach with handicap accessibility assessment of village shopping centers through a comprehensive report to the village's Building and Zoning Department; the commission also aids local businesses with accessibility issues and distributes routine questionnaires for residents with disabilities every 3 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Rick Kahen serves as a model of hard work,
2 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
3 Illinois; therefore, be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Rick Kahen as a symbol of our esteem and respect.