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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Assistant House
4 Republican Leader and State Representative Mike Tryon on his
5 distinguished service to the 64th and 66th Legislative
6 Districts and the people of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon has been a member of the
8 Illinois House from 2005 to 2017 and served this body with
9 honor and distinction; and

10 WHEREAS, The people of McHenry and Kane Counties have been
11 very well-served by the leadership and bipartisanship of
12 Representative Tryon during his six terms in the Illinois House
13 of Representatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon was born in Terre Haute,
15 Indiana on July 30, 1955 to Floyd and Juanita Tryon and is one
16 of three children who were taught the value of volunteerism and
17 community service; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon graduated from North Vigo
19 High School in 1973 and from Indiana State University in 1978
20 with a degree in environmental health science; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon moved to McHenry County
2 after graduating from college to take a job with the McHenry
3 County Health Department, and while working for the County, he
4 not only fell in love with the area but also met his future
5 wife, Cathy; they married in 1982; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon and Cathy reside in Crystal
7 Lake and together they are the proud parents of three children,
8 Jared, Lauren, and Lindsay, and are the doting grandparents of
9 one beautiful granddaughter, Nora Jean; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon worked for the County Health
11 Department until 1980, when he took a job as an environmental
12 consultant for Clarke Community Mosquito Control in Roselle; he
13 then bought and became a principal in a small business, Raber
14 and Associates, an environmental consulting firm; in 1986, he
15 formed McHenry Analytical, a water and wastewater testing lab;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon began his 28-year career as
18 an elected official in 1989 with his election to the McHenry
19 County Board, where he represented the people of Southeastern
20 McHenry County; and

21 WHEREAS, On the McHenry County Board, Representative Tryon
22 served as a leader of numerous committees, including Chair of

1 the Finance, Public Health, and Personnel committees; he was
2 unanimously selected by his colleagues on the county board in
3 1998 to serve as Chairman of the McHenry County Board, a
4 position he held through 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon was elected to the Illinois
6 House of Representatives in November of 2004 and took his oath
7 of office in January of 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, During his 12 years in the Illinois House of
9 Representatives, Representative Tryon served in many positions
10 of leadership, including as the Republican Spokesperson for the
11 Environment, Energy, Small Business Empowerment and Workforce,
12 Environmental Health, Mass Transit, and Juvenile Justice
13 System-Involved Youth committees; he was an active member of
14 dozens of other House committees and task forces including the
15 influential House Executive Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, As one of his first legislative initiatives during
17 his first term, Representative Tryon successfully rewrote
18 portions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law designed
19 to close loopholes which saved Illinois taxpayers millions; and

20 WHEREAS, During his second term, Representative Tryon
21 ushered in a new era of government transparency in Illinois by
22 authoring legislation that created the Illinois Transparency

1 Portal, a searchable database that allows Illinoisans to track
2 how their tax dollars are being spent on salaries and State
3 contracts; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon penned legislation that
5 created one of the nation's first veterans court systems to
6 address the non-violent offenses of veterans suffering from
7 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other service-related
8 issues; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2014, Representative Tryon was a primary
10 negotiator of far-reaching reforms that improved transparency,
11 accountability, and ethical behavior for those who serve on the
12 Regional Transportation Authority and its service boards; and

13 WHEREAS, As Republican Spokesperson for the Environment
14 Committee, Representative Tryon was respected on both sides of
15 the aisle for his commitment to protecting the environment
16 through bills that ensured a clean drinking water supply and
17 the safe disposal of waste and surface discharge; he eased
18 burdensome restrictions on businesses in ways that were not
19 harmful to the environment while being beneficial to job
20 creation; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon fought tirelessly to bring
22 more than \$300 million in State transportation improvement

1 money to the 64th and 66th Legislative Districts, which led to
2 the completion of critical and economy-boosting projects like
3 the Algonquin bypass, the full interchange at Interstate 90 and
4 Illinois Route 47, and the widening of Illinois Route 47
5 through Huntley; work is now underway for a Longmeadow Parkway
6 bridge across the Fox River; and

7 WHEREAS, From 2010 to 2014, Representative Tryon served the
8 House Republican Caucus as a member of the prestigious
9 nonpartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and
10 Accountability (COGFA); and

11 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote bipartisanship and bring
12 lawmakers together, Representative Tryon joined with
13 Republican State Representative Chad Hays and Democrat Senator
14 Don Harmon to form "The Boat Drink Caucus", a band that played
15 regularly in Springfield and at the inauguration of Governor
16 Bruce Rauner; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2016, Representative Tryon served his caucus as
18 the Co-Chair of the bipartisan and bicameral Joint Commission
19 on Administrative Rules (JCAR); and

20 WHEREAS, In 2011, as an advocate for diabetes awareness,
21 Representative Tryon became a founding member of the Illinois
22 Legislative Diabetes Caucus, the first legislative group of its

1 kind and a model that has since been emulated in more than 14
2 other states; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon has always promoted honest
4 dialogue on all points of view on legislative issues and has
5 been a fierce advocate for balanced budgets and responsible
6 spending; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, in recognition of his leadership,
8 Representative Tryon was promoted to the role of Assistant
9 Republican Leader for the House Republican Caucus under House
10 Republican Leader Jim Durkin; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the last 12 years, Representative Tryon was
12 the Chief Sponsor of 65 Public Acts, an additional 59 House
13 Resolutions, and has served as a Chief-Co-Sponsor or Co-Sponsor
14 of hundreds of other Public Acts and Resolutions; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Tryon has been honored with a
16 multitude of awards and recognitions during his time in the
17 General Assembly including the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award
18 from the Indiana State University College of Health and
19 Performance, the 2006 Carl E. Wehde Award for Community Service
20 from the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, the 2007 Americans
21 for Prosperity Sunshine Award for promotion of government
22 transparency, the Champion of Free Enterprise Award from

1 2008-2016, the 2008 Friend of ITI Award from the Illinois Teen
2 Institute, the 2013 Barbara King Environmental Stewardship
3 Award, the 2014 Lifesaver of the Year Award from the Illinois
4 Poison Center, the 2012 and 2016 Environmental Leadership Award
5 from the Illinois Environmental Council, the 2015 Farmers
6 Market Advocacy Award, and the 2016 Community Leader Award from
7 Centegra Health Systems; he was recognized as the Legislator of
8 the Year by the Association of Community Mental Health
9 Authorities of Illinois in 2007, the Northern Illinois Alliance
10 of Fire Protection Districts in 2009, the Staffing Services of
11 Associates of Illinois in 2011, and the Illinois Public
12 Transportation Association in 2014; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate State Representative Mike Tryon on making a
16 positive difference in the lives of the people he represented
17 in McHenry and Kane Counties and across Illinois, and we wish
18 him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Representative Tryon, his wife, Cathy, and their
21 family, as an expression of our esteem and respect for our
22 colleague and friend.