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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Gary Kasanders on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the  
5 Westchester Park District; and

6           WHEREAS, Gary Kasanders joined the Westchester Park  
7 District in 1971 while still in high school; he started out as  
8 the supervisor of the teen center and ran the majority of the  
9 athletic programs; he became the Day Camp Director in 1972,  
10 eventually becoming the director of all the camps in 1973; in  
11 1983, after graduating from college with a degree in parks and  
12 recreation administration, he became director of the entire  
13 park district; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1985, Gary Kasanders hired Linda to be the  
15 preschool director at the park district; they married in 1986  
16 and have four children, Erin, Christopher, Meghan, and Steven;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, As Executive Director, Gary Kasanders helped the  
19 park district grow; his accomplishments include the  
20 redevelopment of Mayfair parkland, the building of the Mayfair  
21 Recreational Center in 1990, the multiple additions to both the  
22 Mayfair Recreational Center and the Community Center, the

1 renovation of the John Sinde pool, 20 successful years of the  
2 VetRun, and bringing the Vietnam Moving Wall to town for the  
3 20th year of the VetRun; along with village officials and  
4 members of the local chamber of commerce, he was instrumental  
5 in the operation of the Westchester Fest; and

6 WHEREAS, During his tenure at the park district, Gary  
7 Kasanders built many great relationships with individuals,  
8 organizations, and government agencies, some of which have  
9 grown into lifelong friendships; and

10 WHEREAS, Gary Kasanders has provided the Westchester Park  
11 District with over four decades of dedication and leadership;  
12 his commitment to improving the park district combined with his  
13 depth of knowledge and expertise will be missed; therefore, be  
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate Gary Kasanders on his retirement as Executive  
18 Director of the Westchester Park District, and we wish him the  
19 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Gary Kasanders as a symbol of our respect and  
22 esteem.