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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Assistant Republican Leader and State Representative Bill Mitchell on his 20 years of distinguished service and hard work on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell was born in Decatur on March 29, 1960; he graduated from St. Teresa High School in Decatur and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Eastern Illinois University in 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell was first elected in 1998 to serve the people of the 102nd District; he was re-elected nine times to represent the people of the 87th District and the current 101st District; over the course of his career, he represented Macon, Champaign, Christian, Cumberland, DeWitt, Effingham, Logan, McLean, Piatt, Sangamon, Shelby, and Tazewell counties; and

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WHEREAS, In 2013, Rep. Mitchell was honored to be appointed as Assistant Republican Leader for the Illinois House Republican Caucus; he was re-appointed to leadership in 2015 and 2017; and

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1           WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell was a tireless advocate for central  
2 Illinois families and was deeply committed to improving the  
3 region's schools and infrastructure, attracting and retaining  
4 good-paying jobs for working families, and ensuring seniors  
5 receive the assistance they need and deserve; and

6           WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell was a fiscal conservative and  
7 outspoken critic of wasteful government spending; he sponsored  
8 legislation to ground and then sell the State's \$22 million  
9 fleet of aircraft, arguing that taxpayers could no longer  
10 afford this perk of power, and he proposed welfare reform  
11 legislation to cut down on fraud and save taxpayer dollars; and

12           WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell has always been a strong voice on  
13 the issue of job creation; he served as the Republican  
14 Spokesperson for the House Bipartisan Job Creation Task Force  
15 and as chairman of the House Republican Task Force on Rural  
16 Economic Development; and

17           WHEREAS, In an effort to save thousands of good-paying  
18 jobs, Rep. Mitchell was instrumental in the passage of the  
19 Future Energy Jobs Act (Public Act 99-906); he fought for  
20 several years to save the Clinton Power Station, the economic  
21 engine of DeWitt County and a major employer in central  
22 Illinois; and

1           WHEREAS, Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mitchell to create  
2 an Alzheimer's Awareness license plate was signed into law in  
3 2013; Public Act 98-259 provided for the issuance of  
4 Alzheimer's Awareness license plates and created the  
5 Alzheimer's Awareness Fund to provide financial support to the  
6 Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related  
7 Disorders Association for Alzheimer's care, support,  
8 education, and awareness programs; and

9           WHEREAS, Rep. Mitchell was a strong proponent of open,  
10 transparent, and accessible government; he held countless town  
11 hall meetings across his district, in addition to many other  
12 outreach events, including senior fairs and State budget  
13 briefings; and

14           WHEREAS, Prior to his service in the Illinois General  
15 Assembly, Rep. Mitchell served on the Decatur City Council and  
16 was Decatur Mayor Pro Tem from 1997 to 1998; he also served as  
17 the Macon County Republican Party Chairman; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate our friend and colleague, State Rep. Bill  
21 Mitchell, on his retirement from the Illinois House of  
22 Representatives, and we wish him the best in all his future  
23 endeavors; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Rep. Mitchell as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.