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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative  
4 David S. Olsen on his distinguished service to the 81st  
5 Legislative District and the people of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen was a member of the Illinois House from  
7 mid-2016 until January of 2019 and served the body with honor  
8 and distinction; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of DuPage and Will Counties were very  
10 well-served by the leadership and bipartisanship of Rep. Olsen  
11 during his tenure; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen was born and raised in the 81st  
13 District; he graduated from Downers Grove South High School in  
14 2007 and earned dual undergraduate degrees in finance and  
15 management from the University of Illinois at  
16 Urbana-Champaign, where he served as student body president and  
17 was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to taking his seat in the General Assembly,  
19 Rep. Olsen was employed as an ethics and compliance officer for  
20 BP's commodity trading division in Chicago; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2013, Rep. Olsen was elected to the Downers  
2 Grove Village Council, where he served until 2016; he was  
3 selected by his peers to serve as mayor pro tem from 2015 to  
4 2016; and

5           WHEREAS, In 2016, Rep. Olsen was appointed to fill a  
6 vacancy on the College of DuPage Board of Trustees, where he  
7 also served as the board's vice chairman during a tumultuous  
8 time for the college; and

9           WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen continues to serve on the board of  
10 directors for the School District 58 Education Foundation and  
11 is an active member of the Chamber630; and

12           WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen is a member of the Friendship United  
13 Methodist Church of Bolingbrook, where he has served as  
14 co-leader of the eighth grade confirmation class and is a  
15 member of the choir; and

16           WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen is widely respected by lawmakers from  
17 both political parties because he always promoted honest  
18 dialogue on all points of view regarding legislative issues  
19 while remaining a fierce advocate of balanced budgets and  
20 responsible spending; and

21           WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen's first successful bill in the House of

1 Representatives addressed the pressing need for property tax  
2 relief and pension reform by increasing the number of hours an  
3 elected official must work to become eligible for a pension  
4 through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; and

5 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the General Assembly, Rep.  
6 Olsen served on several influential House Committees,  
7 including the Community College Access & Affordability,  
8 Elementary & Secondary Education: Curriculum and Policies,  
9 Judiciary-Criminal, Public Utilities, Renewable Energy &  
10 Sustainability, Appropriations- General Services, Elementary &  
11 Secondary Education: Licensing and Administration, Financial  
12 Institutions, Mass Transit, Aging and Government Consolidation  
13 & Modernization Committees; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, Rep. Olsen was appointed to serve on the  
15 Rare Diseases Commission, and in 2017, he was appointed to  
16 serve on the House Sexual Discrimination & Harassment Task  
17 Force; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2017, Rep. Olsen was chosen as one of 40 young  
19 emerging leaders in Illinois to participate in the bipartisan,  
20 bicameral Edgar Fellows leadership program; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2018, Representative Olsen was chosen as the  
22 sole Illinois representative to the Millennial Action

1 Project's 12-member bipartisan Democracy Reform Task Force,  
2 where he worked with representatives and senators from across  
3 the nation to advance legislation on fair maps, government  
4 accountability, and access to voting; and

5 WHEREAS, During his time as the legislative voice for the  
6 81st District, Rep. Olsen championed dozens of bills that saved  
7 taxpayers money, brought fairness, transparency, and  
8 efficiency to state government, and improved public safety; he  
9 ushered several bills into law as the chief sponsor, including  
10 landmark consolidation legislation that simplifies the process  
11 to consolidate the functions of mosquito abatement districts;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen always stood with taxpayers and opposed  
14 all efforts to move Illinois away from its flat tax system and  
15 toward a graduated income tax; and

16 WHEREAS, Rep. Olsen has been honored with a multitude of  
17 awards and recognitions during his time in the General  
18 Assembly, including the Young Professional of the Year Award  
19 from Chamber630, the Environmental Stewardship Award from the  
20 Illinois Environmental Council, the Friend of Agriculture  
21 Award from the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Friend of  
22 Manufacturing Award from the Illinois Technology &  
23 Manufacturing Association, and the Legislator of the Year Award

1 from the Illinois School Counselors Association; therefore, be  
2 it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate State Representative David S. Olsen on making a  
6 positive difference in the lives of the people he represented  
7 in DuPage and Will Counties and across Illinois, and we wish  
8 him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Rep. Olsen as an expression of our esteem and  
11 respect for our colleague and friend.