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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate their colleague, State Rep. Brian W. Stewart, on the occasion of his retirement as State Representative of the 89th District, after a distinguished career of public service in the Illinois House, which will now continue in the Illinois State Senate; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart is a fifth generation native of northwest Illinois; in his youth, he spent most of his formative years living in public housing; his humble upbringing served as the primary motivation for him to make something of himself; and

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WHEREAS, After attending Freeport High School, Rep. Stewart joined the U.S. Army in 1975, where he served as a military policeman and investigator until his honorable discharge in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Upon completion of his service, Rep. Stewart returned to Freeport to serve as a Stephenson County Sheriff's Deputy; he served in several capacities and eventually attained the rank of sergeant; he joined a major case squad, serving the nine northwestern most counties in Illinois; and

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1           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart began his first small business at his  
2 kitchen table in 1987; with a knack for business, he eventually  
3 retired from law enforcement and today successfully manages  
4 Stewart & Associates, Inc., which employs over 500 people and  
5 manages over 20 businesses, the majority of which are centered  
6 in his hometown of Freeport; and

7           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart served as a alderman for the City of  
8 Freeport and as a trustee for Freeport Township; he has also  
9 served as chairman and board member of the Northwest Illinois  
10 Criminal Justice Commission, the Freeport Area Chamber of  
11 Commerce, and the Northwest Illinois Development Alliance; and

12           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart was sworn into office as State  
13 Representative of the 89th District in October of 2013 to  
14 replace outgoing Rep. Jim Sacia; as State Representative, he  
15 has focused on regulatory, agricultural, and law enforcement  
16 issues to try to create good paying agricultural,  
17 manufacturing, and middle-class jobs; and

18           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart served honorably as Minority  
19 Spokesperson of the House-Judiciary Criminal Law Committee and  
20 Restorative Justice Committee and served as well on the  
21 Agriculture & Conservation, Public Safety Appropriations,  
22 Executive, Labor and Commerce, Revenue & Finance, and Veteran's  
23 Affairs Committees; and

1           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart's service to his community went  
2 beyond elected office; he was the former chairman of the United  
3 Way of Northwest Illinois and a member of the Freeport Rotary  
4 Club, AMVETS Post 32, the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, the  
5 Stephenson County Emergency Telephone System (911), and the FHN  
6 Foundation; he was the charter president of Stephenson County  
7 Employees-UAW Local 2261; and

8           WHEREAS, Rep. Stewart has shown great knowledge,  
9 effectiveness, and collegiality throughout his career in the  
10 Illinois House of Representatives; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 honor and congratulate State Rep. Brian W. Stewart for his work  
14 in the Illinois House of Representatives and wish him all the  
15 best in his service in the Illinois State Senate; and be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Rep. Stewart as a symbol of our respect and  
19 esteem.