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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David E. Carter, Jr., retired in April 2005 after four years of service as Mayor of the City of Mattoon; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor Carter reversed the City's deficit financial condition, played a key role in recruiting Home Depot to the City, increased funding from the City to the Council on Aging by 31.3 percent, secured voter approval of sales tax increase for property tax relief and infrastructure improvements which lowered the property tax levy 16.67 percent from 2001 to 2005, and oversaw the reconstruction of three railroad overpass bridges and the construction of new athletic fields for Junior Football and T-ball leagues; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Mattoon High School in 1985, and has worked in maintenance, construction, and appliance repair; he received his emergency medical technician certification from Lakeland College in 1993, a maintenance degree from Eli Whitney in 1997, a management certification from Lakeland College in 2003, and an appliance repair certification from Whirlpool/Fisher Pikel in 2004; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Irene, have four children, Brad, Alex, Levi, and Haley; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank David E. Carter, Jr., for his years of public service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to David E. Carter, Jr., as an expression of our esteem.