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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Robert E. Smith has served as a Commissioner of the Arlington Heights Park District for 16 years, including 2 terms as president and 2 terms as vice-president; and

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WHEREAS, During Robert Smith's tenure, the District was recognized as an Illinois Association of Park Districts/Illinois Park and Recreation Association "Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency"; the District also received the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Smith worked to improve parks throughout Illinois by serving in 2004 as sergeant-at-Arms and in 2005 as a trustee on the Illinois Association of Park Districts Board of Trustees; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Smith was instrumental in acquiring over 19 acres of land, valued at \$7,450,000, and in securing over \$5,647,000 in local, State, and federal grant money for the Arlington Heights Park District; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Smith has assisted in the acquisition, development, and renovation of premier Arlington Heights Park District recreation areas and facilities, such as the Camelot,

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1 Frontier, Heritage, and Olympic swimming pools, the Davis  
2 Street Service Center, the Forest View Racquet and Fitness  
3 Club, Frontier Park, the Heritage Tennis Club, Melas and  
4 Memorial Parks, the Olympic Indoor Swim Center, the Pioneer  
5 Park Pool and Community Center, and Sunset Meadows Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Smith has exhibited the dedicated  
7 ingenuity, individuality, and insight as a Commissioner that  
8 has brought creative programming, outstanding facilities, and  
9 quality services to the residents of Arlington Heights;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we honor Robert E. Smith on the occasion of his retirement  
14 after 16 years of service to Arlington Heights, recognize his  
15 many accomplishments during those years, and wish him well in  
16 all of his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Robert Smith as an expression of our esteem and  
19 respect.