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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Representative Jim Sacia
4 on his distinguished service to Illinois' 89th Legislative
5 District and the people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia was a member of the Illinois
7 House of Representatives from 2003 to 2013 and served this body
8 with honor and distinction; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle,
10 Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties were very
11 well-served by the leadership of Representative Sacia during
12 his 6 terms in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia was born in Winona,
14 Minnesota on March 5, 1944; he grew up as one of 10 children on
15 a dairy farm; he later attended the University of Wisconsin at
16 River Falls, earning a degree in communications; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia was an enlisted member of the
18 U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965, serving as a United States Army
19 Ranger; he was a commissioned officer in the Army National
20 Guard from 1965 to 1969; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia was a police officer in River
2 Falls, Wisconsin from 1967 to 1969; he later served as a
3 Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1969
4 to 1997, where he served with distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia began serving as the
6 President and CEO of Northern Illinois Tractor Equipment, Inc.
7 in 1997 and still holds the position today; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia served as a member of the
9 Winnebago School Board from 1988 to 1996, serving as the
10 board's President from 1994 to 1996; he also served on the
11 Winnebago County Board from 1999 to 2002 and was a member of
12 many other civic and professional boards and commissions; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia resides in Pecatonica with
14 his wife, Jenny; together, they are the parents of 3 children,
15 Jerry, John, and Jesse, and are the grandparents of 3 beautiful
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia is a member of St. Mary's
18 Catholic Church in Pecatonica; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia is a Life Member of the
20 National Rifle Association and the U.S. Army Ranger
21 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has been affiliated with the
2 Society of Former Agents of the FBI, the Illinois Independent
3 Automobile Dealers Association, the Freeport Chamber of
4 Commerce, the German-American State Bank, the National
5 Federation of Independent Businesses, the American Legion, the
6 Winnebago County Soil and Water District, and the Illinois Farm
7 Bureau; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia is a licensed auctioneer in
9 Illinois and Wisconsin; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has received many
11 recognitions and awards, including the Winnebago County
12 Conservation Farmer Award in 1979, the Chairman's Award for
13 Conservation Excellence in 1986, the Conservation Farm Family
14 of the Year Award in 1988, and numerous law enforcement
15 commendations; and

16 WHEREAS, Since being elected to the House of
17 Representatives, Representative Sacia has served with
18 distinction as the Republican Spokesperson or as a member of
19 many committees, including Agriculture and Conservation,
20 International Trade and Commerce, Judiciary I - Civil Law,
21 Judiciary II - Criminal Law, Public Safety, Appropriations -
22 Public Safety, Elections and Campaign Reform, Tourism and

1 Conventions, Veterans' Affairs, Labor, Pension Fund Management
2 Procurement, Penalty Enhancements and Enlargement, Special
3 Investigative, Appropriations-Elementary and Secondary, Prison
4 Reform, Juvenile Justice Reform, Workers' Compensation Reform,
5 Commerce and Business Development, and Managing Sex Offenders
6 Issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has always been a legislator
8 who spoke his mind on issues affecting Illinoisans, with a
9 desire to promote open dialogue on all points of view; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has been an advocate and
11 public supporter of the Second Amendment and gun rights; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has fought tirelessly for
13 the humane treatment of animals; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Sacia has prided himself as being a
15 Representative who made decisions that were in the best
16 interest of the majority of his constituents in the 89th
17 Legislative District; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we wish Representative Sacia all the best in his future
21 endeavors and congratulate him on a job well done in the

1 General Assembly; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That that a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Representative Sacia, his wife, Jenny, and their
4 family as an expression of our esteem and respect for our
5 colleague and friend.