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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is losing one of its own members - Illinois State Representative Mike Bost - to the United States House of Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Bost was born and raised in Murphysboro; he and his wife, Tracy, have been married for 34 years and have 3 children and 9 grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Bost grew up working for Bost Trucking, a small business owned by his father and uncle, doing everything from hauling coal to washing trucks on weekends; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Bost began his extensive and dedicated tradition to public service with his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps right after high school; he served as an electronic specialist and radar repairman, receiving an honorable discharge as a Corporal in 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Bost graduated from the Certified Firefighter II Academy of the Illinois Fire Service Institute at the University of Illinois in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Bost served as a part-time and full-time firefighter for the Murphysboro Fire Department; he

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1 has continued to serve the Murphysboro Fire Department during
2 his 6 terms as State Representative on an as-needed basis; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Bost was first elected to public
4 office in 1984 when he was elected to the Jackson County Board;
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6 WHEREAS, In 1986, Representative Bost served as President
7 of the Jackson County Republican Boosters and Treasurer of the
8 Jackson County Young Republicans; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Bost served as precinct
10 committeeman for Murphysboro Precinct #4 from 1985 to 1989; he
11 also served as Treasurer for the City of Murphysboro from 1989
12 to 1992 and as a Murphysboro Township Trustee from 1993 to
13 April of 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Bost was elected to the Illinois
15 House of Representatives for the first time in 1994; since that
16 time, he has had the privilege of representing southern
17 Illinois in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Bost currently represents the
19 115th District, which encompasses all or part of Jackson,
20 Jefferson, Perry, Union, and Washington Counties and the
21 communities of Anna, Ashley, Carbondale, Cobden, De Soto,

1 DuQuoin, Mt. Vernon, Murphysboro, Pinckneyville, and
2 Vergennes; and

3 WHEREAS, On November 4, 2014, Representative Bost was
4 elected to the United States House of Representatives from the
5 12th Congressional District of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives would like to thank Representative Bost for his
8 30 years of public service in the State of Illinois; the
9 members of this body will miss the passionate speeches and
10 floor debates that Representative Bost has shared with us for
11 the last 20 years; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate State Representative Mike Bost on his election
15 to the United States House of Representatives and wish he and
16 his family all the best in his future endeavors; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to Representative Bost and the members of the
20 Illinois congressional delegation.