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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our colleague, State
4 Representative Mike Smiddy, for his service as a member of the
5 Illinois General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Smiddy is the proud and devoted
7 husband of Deborah and father of two sons, Logan, and Ian; and

8 WHEREAS, Working alongside former United States
9 Congressman Lane Evans, Representative Smiddy became instilled
10 with a passion for public service, and was inspired to continue
11 Congressman Evans' legacy of speaking up for veterans and
12 defending the rights of middle-class families; following in the
13 footsteps of Congressman Evans, Representative Smiddy entered
14 public service and was elected to represent the 71st
15 Representative District in 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Prior to taking office as a member of the General
17 Assembly, Representative Smiddy worked to keep his community
18 safe and continued to speak up for the rights of working
19 families as an employee of the Illinois Department of
20 Corrections and as a member of the American Federation of
21 State, County, and Municipal Employees; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Smiddy spearheaded the effort to
2 expand insurance coverage for preventative breast cancer
3 screenings for all women in Illinois, an issue especially
4 personal for him following his wife's battle with breast
5 cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, As the representative of a region deeply rooted in
7 manufacturing, agriculture, and organized labor,
8 Representative Smiddy served as a champion for middle-class
9 families, fighting to restore back-pay owed to workers,
10 speaking up strongly for fair wages, and introducing
11 legislation to invest in local jobs by directing the State to
12 purchase American-made vehicles; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Smiddy fought to help the counties
14 of the 71st Representative District receive needed support for
15 economic revitalization projects by working to secure millions
16 of dollars in infrastructure funding and resources for local
17 businesses and workers; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Smiddy will continue his
19 commitment to his community through his membership in the River
20 City Rotary Club in Port Byron; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate and honor State Representative Mike Smiddy for his
2 years of dedicated service as a member of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives and wish him success in all future endeavors;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Representative Smiddy as an expression of our
7 respect and esteem.