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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Kevin Richardson on the occasion of his retirement as Village President of the Village of Lake Barrington; and

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WHEREAS, President Richardson began his public service when he was elected as a trustee to the Lake Barrington Board of Trustees in 1999, and he served in that capacity until 2005 when he was elected president; he was re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure, President Richardson has prioritized open space and the environment as a key initiative, with a cornerstone of this initiative being to make open space publicly accessible; under his leadership, Lake Barrington strategically acquired land for the preservation of open space in order to make Lake Barrington "an oasis of gracious countryside living"; and

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WHEREAS, President Richardson has been a community visionary through his establishment of Freier Farm, a 24-acre park that includes a community garden, a brick fire pit, horseshoes, walking trails, and a winter sledding hill, and his development of Fetherling Park, a 8.1-acre park that

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1 includes walking trails, fitness stations, and an overlook
2 pier on the pond, further showcasing his focus on protecting
3 Lake Barrington's natural environment and groundwater recharge
4 areas; and

5 WHEREAS, President Richardson's foresight has benefited
6 the Village of Lake Barrington numerous times, including when
7 he negotiated an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with
8 Wauconda, Cuba Township, and the Illinois Sierra Club to
9 ensure that the proposed expansion of Wauconda's water
10 reclamation plant operated under higher treatment standards
11 than required by the State of Illinois, thereby protecting the
12 groundwater in Lake Barrington; and

13 WHEREAS, President Richardson's civic service has gone
14 beyond Lake Barrington; he has served on the board of visitors
15 of the Graduate School of Public Policy at Pepperdine
16 University, as an advisory board member of the Institute for
17 Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame, and on the
18 Political Advocacy Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
19 and the Mayor's Water Council for the U.S. Conference of
20 Mayors, both located in Washington, D.C., since 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, President Richardson will preside over his last
22 village board meeting on May 6, 2025, concluding 20 years of
23 service to Lake Barrington; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Kevin Richardson on his retirement as Village
4 President of the Village of Lake Barrington, thank him for his
5 dedication as a public servant, and wish him much happiness in
6 his future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to President Richardson as an expression of our
9 esteem and respect.