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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Michael W. Leopold on the occasion of his retirement as Mayor of the Village of Swansea; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold was born to Warren and Wanda Leopold on December 19, 1950; he was raised in Bellville; he married Claire Nester on October 6, 1990, and together they have four children, Christopher Leopold, Kelli (Greg) Milton, James Leopold, and Kathryn Leopold, and four grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold, outside of his mayoral duties, has worked as a financial advisor at Huntleigh Securities, Inc. in Belleville since 1986, where he currently serves as a vice president and as a member of the board of directors; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold began his service to Swansea in 1989, serving as a village trustee for 10 years, village treasurer for eight years, and as mayor for eight years; during his tenure, he worked on and established numerous projects, including supporting renovations to the Clinton Hills Conservation Park, the Miles of the St. Clair County Bike Trails, the Swansea Dog Park within Mel Price Park, and

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1 many others; through his decades of service to Swansea, he has
2 contributed to its growth, ensuring it will remain a great
3 place to live; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold has remained active in the
5 community through a variety of organizations, including The
6 Belle-Scott Committee, where he was served as a member and
7 two-time chairperson, the Belleville Memorial Hospital Board,
8 where he served as a director, the Boy Scouts of America, where
9 he served as an executive board member, the Belleville Rotary
10 Club, where he served as president and is a current Paul Harris
11 Fellow, the Lake Lorraine Homeowners' Association, where he
12 served on the board of directors, the Southern Illinois
13 Leadership Council, where he served as a member and chairman
14 of the Military Affairs Committee, the Swansea Rotary Club,
15 where he served as a member, and the YMCA of Southwestern
16 Illinois, where he served on the board of directors; he has
17 also been a member of the St. Clair Country Club, where he
18 served on the board of directors, and he has co-chaired the
19 Memorial and St. Elizabeth Hospitals golf tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold has received a number of accolades,
21 including being the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen
22 Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2019 and the George
23 Lanxon Award for public service from the Southern Illinois
24 Police Chiefs' Association in 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Leopold enjoys spending time with his
2 family, golfing, attending sporting events, and traveling with
3 his family and friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Michael W. Leopold on his retirement as Mayor
7 of the Village of Swansea, and we thank him for his 26 years of
8 service and dedication to his community; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Mayor Leopold as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.