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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Mayor Herb Roach on his years
4 of service to the City of O'Fallon; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach served six years as an alderman for
6 Ward 4 before being elected mayor in April of 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach has accomplished a great deal for
8 O'Fallon during his time in office, including one billion
9 dollars of new investment, record setting building permits in
10 2024, the lowest property tax rate of any city with a
11 population of 20,000 or more in St. Clair or Madison County,
12 and the best financial rating by S & P of any city south of
13 I-80; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach has overseen the creation of City
15 Fest, Downtown District Nights, and the Vine Street Market and
16 renovations to the 100-year-old community park, including a
17 new community center, pool, amphitheater, and walking trail;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach is a native of O'Fallon and has been
20 actively involved in his community for over 40 years; he has
21 given his time and effort to numerous civic and charitable

1 boards and committees on the local, state, and national level,
2 including as a former member and chairman of the Employer
3 Advisory Board to the Department of Labor in Washington, DC,
4 as a member of the Metro East Small Business Development
5 Advisory Board, as member and president of the District 90
6 School Board, as a member of the State of Illinois Board of
7 Education where he served as chair of the Technology
8 Committee, as a past member of the board of directors for the
9 Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, as a former member of the
10 Greater St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association's
11 Work Development Committee, as a past member and president of
12 the board of directors of the O'Fallon Township High School
13 District 203 Endowment Fund, and as a past member of the Arts
14 and Education Advisory Panel; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach served on the board of directors of
16 Lindenwood University for 15 years and as the vice president
17 of the Southwestern Illinois Trade and Investment Council; he
18 currently serves on the board of directors for the East-West
19 Gateway Council of Governments, as the vice president of the
20 Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors, and as a board member
21 for the Illinois Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund and
22 chair of its Investment and Operations Committee; he is a
23 longstanding member of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of
24 Commerce, the O'Fallon Rotary, the American Legion, and the
25 Knights of Columbus; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach is a graduate of Southern Illinois
2 University and has over 40 years of executive management
3 experience with manufacturing, distribution, and financial
4 organizations with experience in business development,
5 budgets, organizational development, and strategic planning;
6 in addition, he and his wife started and operated their own
7 business in O'Fallon for 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach and his wife, Nancy, have raised
9 their children, Lea, Kate, and Todd in O'Fallon; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach has spent 24 years coaching youth
11 sports for boys and girls in O'Fallon; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Roach has turned O'Fallon in to the fastest
13 growing city south of Springfield, and with ongoing input from
14 the citizens, he has been committed to maintaining a solid
15 infrastructure and services for the citizens while promoting
16 growth and development with fiscal responsibility for the
17 taxpayers; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we commend Mayor Herb Roach on his years of service to the City
21 of O'Fallon; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Mayor Roach as a symbol of our respect and esteem.