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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.