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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Scott Humbard was born on May 19, 1970 and earned
3 an associate's degree from Elgin Community College in 1990;
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5 WHEREAS, Moving to Charleston, Scott Humbard graduated
6 from Eastern Illinois University (EIU) with a bachelor's
7 degree in 1992, remaining with EIU to complete his work for a
8 master's degree in 1993; both of his degrees were in political
9 science and government; and

10 WHEREAS, These chosen majors helped Scott Humbard gain
11 entry into the Illinois General Assembly legislative staff
12 system through the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship
13 Program (ILSIP), working with the Illinois House Republican
14 staff starting in fall 1994; and

15 WHEREAS, From the start of his work for the Illinois
16 House, Scott Humbard concentrated on issues centering on
17 energy and the environment; this work reached a peak in the
18 two-year Joint Committee on Electric Restructuring process to
19 negotiate the Illinois electric deregulation bill; and

20 WHEREAS, The electric deregulation bill negotiated through
21 the Joint Committee process was enacted in the spring of 1998

1 as P.A. 90-561, and as a key staff participant in these
2 negotiations, Scott Humbard made valuable contacts to help
3 perfect his knowledge and understanding of the legislative
4 process; and

5 WHEREAS, After the 1998 veto session, Scott Humbard moved
6 to advocacy work for the Chemical Industry Council of
7 Illinois, representing over 150 chemical manufacturers and
8 suppliers, and in this position, he helped secure passage of
9 legislation to reform and modernize the Illinois brownfield
10 remediation program, thereby improving the resale values and
11 safety profiles of manufacturing-affected parcels of Illinois
12 real estate; and

13 WHEREAS, Until the 1990s, the organizational structure
14 that governed U.S. electricity was the principle of vertical
15 integration, where a single firm held closely regulated,
16 one-company control over the generation and supply of
17 electricity; and

18 WHEREAS, Scott Humbard's work in 1998 with Illinois
19 electric deregulation presented him with evidence that this
20 paradigm was nearing the end of its useful life; and

21 WHEREAS, In September 2001, utilizing this insight, Scott
22 Humbard moved from the Chemical Industry Council to Exelon

1 Generation, with a focus on representing this growing
2 electrical utility firm in its state and local government
3 affairs; and

4 WHEREAS, In the 2010s, the laws governing the regulated
5 rates that Exelon could obtain for the electricity generated
6 by some of its nuclear power generating plants, particularly
7 its Clinton and Quad Cities reactors, made it infeasible for
8 the company to seek these plants' re-licensure and long-term
9 operation; and

10 WHEREAS, Especially in the years 2014 through 2016, Scott
11 Humbard had the challenging task of presenting these realities
12 to leaders throughout Illinois, especially in the Illinois
13 General Assembly, to convince them to take the difficult step
14 of adjusting Illinois' allowable nuclear power plant rates of
15 return; and

16 WHEREAS, Scott Humbard worked with the Illinois General
17 Assembly to enact the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016, which,
18 among other items, preserved nuclear energy generation in
19 Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2021, this act was followed by the Climate and
21 Equitable Jobs Act, which expanded the process of bringing the
22 distributed-source-generation of solar power and wind power

1 into full participation in the future Illinois supply grid;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, As the U.S. electric utility industry continued
4 to evolve into a new paradigm, Exelon spun off its generating
5 arm in February 2022 as a new firm, Constellation Energy; and

6 WHEREAS, Serving Constellation Energy as its Vice
7 President of State Government Affairs, Scott Humbard directed
8 his firm's state legislative and regulatory initiatives and
9 its operation of clean, carbon-free energy generating plants
10 in 17 U.S. states; and

11 WHEREAS, In his work with Exelon and with Constellation
12 Energy, Scott Humbard served as board chairman of the Illinois
13 Energy Association and as chairman of the Illinois Competitive
14 Energy Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Although the holder of several chairmanships,
16 Scott Humbard could not hold a candle, let alone a nuclear
17 reactor, to the true Chairman of the Board, Frank Sinatra; and

18 WHEREAS, As his challenging professional life continued,
19 Scott Humbard became more and more aware of a certain
20 beautiful lake in western Kentucky, which is filled with
21 crappie fish; and

1 WHEREAS, Scott Humbard found that one does not have to go
2 to the Canadian border to find a thousand islands; and

3 WHEREAS, Before he casts his line into the waters of our
4 friendly neighbor state, the University of Illinois
5 Springfield named Scott Humbard to its Illinois Legislative
6 Staff Internship Hall of Fame on April 23, 2024, as a fitting
7 example of the work that the Illinois legislative staffs do in
8 preparing their people for potential statewide and even
9 national leadership; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Scott D. Humbard for his successful career,
13 which began in our building and spun outward to encompass 17
14 states, and the generation of many gigawatts of essential
15 electric energy for America's future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we wish for Scott Humbard to have many
17 years of sun, water, and music; and be it; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Scott Humbard, Vice President of Constellation
20 Energy, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.