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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Jim Wiseman on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) on May 29, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious 18-year tenure of visionary leadership, Jim Wiseman has been a steadfast champion of inclusion, tirelessly expanding programs and strengthening community partnerships to ensure that individuals of all ages and ability levels have access to meaningful recreation; and

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WHEREAS, Under Jim Wiseman's guidance, NISRA has flourished into a thriving organization that serves communities across McHenry, Cook, Lake, and Kane counties, fostering independence, socialization, and skill development for preschoolers, children, teens, and adults alike; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Wiseman's commitment to excellence is reflected in the numerous accolades NISRA has received during his leadership, including earning the Illinois Association of Park Districts/Illinois Parks and Recreation Distinguished Accreditation award for excellence in parks and recreation and

1 being named a two-time recipient of the Government Finance
2 Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence
3 in Financial Reporting; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Wiseman has built an incredible legacy of
5 compassion and service, ensuring that NISRA remains grounded
6 in its mission to enrich lives while celebrating its landmark
7 50th anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Wiseman's transition marks the passing of the
9 torch to his successor, Heidi Jenkins, leaving behind an
10 organization that is structurally sound, highly respected, and
11 deeply valued by the families it serves; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Jim Wiseman on his retirement as executive
15 director of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation
16 Association (NISRA), commend him for his 18 years of dedicated
17 service to the disability community, and wish him health and
18 happiness in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Jim Wiseman as a symbol of our esteem and respect.