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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A native of Illinois since 1948, Representative
3 Paul Jacobs grew up in Pomona in the heart of the Illinois
4 Ozarks; and

5 WHEREAS, For 47 years, Rep. Jacobs has practiced optometry
6 in Southern Illinois, with a focus on Anna and Carbondale; as a
7 professional and a Southern Illinoisan, he and his wife,
8 Rhoda, have raised four children, and they now have 10
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his profession, Rep. Jacobs and
11 his wife, Rhoda, have experience in Southern Illinois
12 business, having operated the Von Jakob Vineyard in Alto Pass,
13 which is within the Southern Illinois wine country, for more
14 than 20 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Based upon his life experiences as a
16 professional, a businessperson, and a Christian, Rep. Jacobs
17 ran in 2020 for the vacancy left by another State
18 Representative, Terri Bryant, as she moved to the State
19 Senate; and

20 WHEREAS, Upon his election in November 2020 and upon
21 joining the 102nd General Assembly, Rep. Jacobs began to fight

1 for fiscal responsibility, ethics, and his neighbors of
2 Southern Illinois, and he has continued this fight through the
3 sessions of the 103rd and 104th General Assemblies; and

4 WHEREAS, Of equal or greater importance than his position
5 on issues has been Rep. Jacobs' standing and position as a good
6 neighbor, a good friend, and a community leader; as a member of
7 the Illinois House, he has been a lawmaker known for
8 conscientious attention to constituent service and helping his
9 neighbors; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to these vocations and achievements,
11 Rep. Jacobs served for six years, from 1965 to 1971, in the
12 United States Navy during the height of the Cold War;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we bid a fond farewell to State Representative Paul Jacobs as
17 he pursues this new chapter of his life; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Rep. Jacobs for his
19 dedicated service in the Illinois House of Representatives and
20 to his faith, his colleagues, his constituents, and most of
21 all, his family; and be it further

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