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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Eric M. Dean on the occasion of his retirement as president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers; and

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WHEREAS, Eric Dean, born and raised in Chicago, began his career as an ironworker after joining the apprenticeship program as a fourth-generation member of Local Union No. 63 in December 1980, completing his apprenticeship in 1984; he worked as a journeyman, foreman, and apprentice instructor before becoming a local union officer in 1989, and he ultimately held various offices within Local Union No. 63; and

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WHEREAS, Eric Dean was appointed general organizer of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers in 1999, working in the Department of Ornamental, Architectural and Miscellaneous Metals; he became president of the Chicago and Vicinity District Council of Iron Workers in 2005; he was appointed 9th general vice president in 2008; he was elected as general secretary of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers by delegates to the union's 42nd International Convention in 2011; during his tenure, he graduated from the Harvard Labor

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1 Trade Program in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, Eric Dean was unanimously elected general  
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4 International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental  
5 and Reinforcing Iron Workers on April 22, 2015, which became  
6 effective on July 1, 2015; he was then elected as general  
7 president for a five-year term by the delegates to the 43rd  
8 International Convention in August 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Eric Dean further served the union through his  
10 work as secretary of the National Coordinating Committee for  
11 Multiemployer Plans (NCCMP), a position he was elected to in  
12 2015, and as a member on the Governing Board of Presidents of  
13 North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) and the  
14 Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor and  
15 Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), representing  
16 130,000 union ironworkers; and

17 WHEREAS, Eric Dean provided more than four decades of  
18 dedicated service to the International Association of Bridge,  
19 Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, during  
20 which his unwavering leadership strengthened the union,  
21 expanded opportunities for working families, and raised the  
22 bar for safety and solidarity across North America before  
23 concluding his tenure on December 31, 2025; and

1           WHEREAS, Eric Dean is the husband of Judy, and they are the  
2 proud parents of three and grandparents of six; therefore, be  
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4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Eric  
6 M. Dean on his retirement as president of the International  
7 Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing  
8 Iron Workers, thank him for his continued service and  
9 dedication to the union and its members, and wish him all the  
10 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Eric Dean as an expression of our esteem and  
13 respect.