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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Art Dykstra on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as the President and Executive  
5 Director of Trinity Services; and

6           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra grew up in Racine, Wisconsin and  
7 attended Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota; he earned a  
8 master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Bradley  
9 University; he completed his psychology internship at Elgin  
10 State Hospital in Illinois; and

11           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra was named President and Executive  
12 Director of Trinity Services in 1987 after a distinguished  
13 20-year career with the Illinois Department of Mental Health  
14 and Developmental Disabilities, where he served as Facility  
15 Director for two state-operated developmental centers, served  
16 as the Chicago Regional Administrator for Developmental  
17 Disabilities, and also worked as a Policy and Program Adviser  
18 for the Director of the Department; and

19           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra has taught classes at both the  
20 undergraduate and graduate levels; he is a frequent speaker at  
21 local, state, and national conferences and a published author;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra has served as the President of the  
2 Board on The Council on Quality and Leadership; he has also  
3 served as the past President of the Illinois Chapter of the  
4 American Association on Intellectual and Developmental  
5 Disabilities, the Illinois Council of Executive Directors of  
6 the ARC, and the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation  
7 Facilities; he also serves on many other boards and advisory  
8 councils and is a fellow of the American Association on  
9 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; and

10           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra has been recognized for his leadership  
11 with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Lewis University; he  
12 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of  
13 Liberal Arts and Sciences at Bradley University; the  
14 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies honored him  
15 for his commitment to the cognitive behavioral therapy  
16 community with the Distinguished Friend to the Behavioral and  
17 Cognitive Therapies Award; he was recognized by the Autism  
18 Program of Illinois when he received the Autism Ally Public  
19 Policy Award through the ARC of Illinois in 2012; and

20           WHEREAS, Art Dykstra and his wife, Anita, live in New  
21 Lenox; in their spare time, they enjoy fishing, gardening, and  
22 catching frogs; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 congratulate Art Dykstra on his retirement as the President and  
4 Executive Director of Trinity Services, and we wish him the  
5 best in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Art Dykstra as an expression of our esteem and  
8 respect.