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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Gary Niebur for his diligent  
4 service to the City of Edwardsville; and

5 WHEREAS, Gary Niebur served the City of Edwardsville  
6 throughout his entire career, beginning his public service with  
7 the parks department; during his service, he was the recipient  
8 of numerous community service awards, including: the Jaycees  
9 Ten Outstanding Young Persons in the State of Illinois, the  
10 Rotary Club International Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the Boy  
11 Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award, the Southern  
12 Illinois University Edwardsville's Religious Center Interfaith  
13 Award, and the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce  
14 Lifetime Achievement Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Gary Niebur served the City of Edwardsville as  
16 mayor from 1993 to 2013, making him the longest serving mayor  
17 in Edwardsville's 200-year history; as mayor, he helped to grow  
18 the city's population from 14,000 to 25,000, and Edwardsville  
19 was named one of the top 10 places to raise a family by Family  
20 Circle Magazine; he also worked tirelessly to develop and  
21 expand Illinois State Routes 159 and 157, to promote safety and  
22 business growth; through his persistence, he received nearly  
23 \$50 million to fund these projects; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2002, Gary Niebur was elected president of the  
2 Illinois Municipal League; he served on the board of directors  
3 from 1993 to 2003, and also held the offices of vice president  
4 and sergeant-at-arms; and

5           WHEREAS, Gary Niebur became president and CEO of the  
6 Edwardsville YMCA in 1982, at the age of 28; as CEO, he helped  
7 to raise over \$10 million in donations, allowing the growth of  
8 the facility from one building to three; in 2007, the YMCA was  
9 awarded the Excellence in Facilities Award by YMCA of the USA,  
10 staking its position as one of the most successful facilities  
11 in the country; Gary Niebur has led the Edwardsville YMCA to  
12 extraordinary progression and success throughout his 35-year  
13 tenure; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 recognize Gary Niebur for his diligent service to the City of  
17 Edwardsville, thank him for his dedication to his community,  
18 and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement; and be it  
19 further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Gary Niebur as a symbol of our respect and esteem.