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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Rep. Bob Pritchard  
4 on his retirement and recognize his years of service to the  
5 State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard was born on February 2, 1945; and

7           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard and his wife, Mary, met at the  
8 University of Illinois and were married in 1968; they have two  
9 children, Matthew and Gregory, and four grandchildren; and

10           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard studied communications at the  
11 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received  
12 his bachelor's and master's degrees; he enjoyed working in  
13 communications, beginning as a radio and TV broadcaster for a  
14 regional station in Iowa and moving on to work for two  
15 universities; and

16           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard accumulated over 23 years of  
17 experience in public relations, marketing, and community  
18 affairs while working for DeKalb Genetics, a Monsanto Company;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Prior to joining the General Assembly, Rep.

1 Pritchard got his start on the Hinckley-Big Rock School Board  
2 and later was the DeKalb County Board Chairman; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard was elected to the Illinois House  
4 of Representatives in 2003 and proudly served the 70th  
5 Legislative District for 15 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Growing up on a farm near Maple Park, Rep.  
7 Pritchard learned the values of hard work, dedication, and  
8 persistence which were instilled in his earliest years; this  
9 philosophy was reflected in the way he represented his  
10 constituents; he listened, studied the issues, and worked for  
11 the best interests of his district and the citizens of  
12 Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard's family farming operation  
14 included corn, soybeans, oats, alfalfa, dairy, beef, horses,  
15 and chickens; he and his family continue to operate their farm,  
16 now in its 7th generation; and

17 WHEREAS, With his background in communications and his  
18 passion for agriculture, Rep. Pritchard served as Executive  
19 Director of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure serving the residents of

1 DeKalb, Boone, Ogle, and Kane Counties, Rep. Pritchard has  
2 diligently worked for the betterment of the district on a wide  
3 variety of issues including early childhood and education,  
4 healthcare, conservation and the environment, job creation,  
5 and protecting the manufacturing industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard's expertise in education was  
7 invaluable to the General Assembly, and he will remain a  
8 recognized leader regarding education policy; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard led negotiations for education  
10 funding reform and worked tirelessly to pass historic education  
11 funding reform legislation in 2017, an accomplishment that made  
12 great progress toward adequately and equitably funding  
13 Illinois schools and providing the best future for Illinois  
14 students; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard's passion for education did not  
16 stop in State government; he was a great teacher and leader in  
17 the community; he held a youth council every year which  
18 gathered bright students from across his district for  
19 insightful dialogue about government and current events; he  
20 promoted continuous learning for students through his annual  
21 summer reading program and supported arts in the schools  
22 through a legislative art contest; and

1           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard enjoyed connecting with  
2 constituents in his district through various outreach events,  
3 such as his annual senior health fair, which helped make  
4 services and resources available to local senior citizens; and

5           WHEREAS, Rep. Pritchard's impressive career in the House of  
6 Representatives and his accomplishments in the community will  
7 help him find future success beyond the General Assembly as he  
8 continues his career as a board member at Northern Illinois  
9 University; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate State Rep. Bob Pritchard on his retirement and  
13 recognize his years of service to the State of Illinois; and be  
14 it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Rep. Pritchard as a symbol of our respect and  
17 esteem.