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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Roger Addelson on his five years of distinguished service as a Vernon Township Trustee; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Addelson helped oversee the expansion of hours of the Vernon Township Food Pantry and its conversion into a grocery store experience, so the Vernon Township community's seniors, immigrants, and people in need would have access to a reliable, dignified source of healthful food; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Addelson spearheaded the creation of the Vernon Township Energy Resilience Commission and championed initiatives that would fight climate change, reduce Vernon Township's dependence on fossil fuels, and promote conservation efforts; projects were completed to weatherize Vernon Township's facilities to reduce energy consumption and save taxpayers money; Vernon Township established a free community garden to supply fresh produce to the food pantry; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Addelson supported Vernon Township's efforts to address the COVID-19 crisis; free masks and hand sanitizer were distributed to residents; a call center was

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1 established to help connect local seniors with appointments to  
2 receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Addelson contributed to these  
4 accomplishments without once raising Vernon Township's  
5 property tax levy; he was a leader in Vernon Township's  
6 efforts to solicit grants to support and expand services; the  
7 Township Board increased and improved services without  
8 increasing taxes by cutting unnecessary expenses, identifying  
9 alternative sources of revenue, consolidating Vernon  
10 Township's road district to eliminate unnecessary  
11 administrative expenses, and maximizing the value of its  
12 existing assets; and

13 WHEREAS, Roger Addelson was passionate about building a  
14 local government that is responsive to the needs of the most  
15 vulnerable members of our community; he oversaw the  
16 establishment of Vernon Township's first ever Welcoming and  
17 Inclusion Policy to ensure that all residents are treated with  
18 respect, fairness, and dignity regardless of their ethnicity,  
19 religion, nation of origin, or federal immigration status; he  
20 advocated to ensure that the township's employees were fairly  
21 compensated and were provided a safe workplace free from  
22 harassment or discrimination; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we commend Roger Addelson on his years of dignified and  
3 faithful service to the people of Vernon Township; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Roger Addelson as an expression of our esteem and  
7 respect.