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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kelly R. Welsh on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as president of the Commercial Club  
5 of Chicago and the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of  
6 Chicago; and

7           WHEREAS, Kelly Welsh has served as the president of both  
8 the Commercial Club of Chicago and the Civic Committee for the  
9 past five years; during his tenure, the organizations promoted  
10 government efficiency and a stronger education system and  
11 conducted a campaign to expand O'Hare Airport; additionally,  
12 he oversaw the Civic Committee and its affiliated  
13 organizations, Civic Consulting Alliance, Kids First Chicago,  
14 and P33, shaped local and state decision-making, and advanced  
15 important initiatives on some of the most critical issues  
16 facing our region, including job growth, city and state  
17 finances, transportation, education, and improving access to  
18 economic opportunity while helping the region address the  
19 myriad of challenges posed by the pandemic; he was one of the  
20 leaders in the effort to create P33 to help enable the Chicago  
21 region to achieve its full potential as one of the leading tech  
22 centers of the world and to promote inclusive economic growth;  
23 and

1           WHEREAS, Kelly Welsh, nominated by former President Barack  
2 Obama, previously served as general counsel for the U.S.  
3 Department of Commerce from 2014 to 2017; he worked as  
4 executive vice president and general counsel for the Northern  
5 Trust Corporation from 2000 to 2014; he served as executive  
6 vice president and general counsel for the Ameritech  
7 Corporation from 1996 to 1999 after serving as vice president  
8 and associate general counsel from 1993 to 1996; he served as  
9 corporation counsel for the City of Chicago from 1989 to 1993;  
10 he was a partner at the law firm Mayer Brown from 1985 to 1989,  
11 after serving as an associate from 1979 to 1985; he worked as a  
12 judicial clerk for the Honorable Luther M. Swygert of the U.S.  
13 Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and

14           WHEREAS, Kelly Welsh additionally serves as a director of  
15 Bank of the West, headquartered in San Francisco, the United  
16 Way of Metro Chicago, and Navy Pier, Inc.; his civic  
17 engagement has included serving as a trustee for the  
18 University of Chicago Medical Center and the Field Museum of  
19 Natural History and as president of the Board of the Institute  
20 of Judicial Administration, New York University Law School; he  
21 was also the chairman of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition  
22 Authority; and

23           WHEREAS, Kelly Welsh received his Bachelor of Arts from  
24 Harvard College and his Master of Arts from the University of

1 Sussex in the United Kingdom; he earned his Juris Doctor from  
2 Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law  
3 Review; and

4 WHEREAS, Kelly Welsh has always embodied the highest  
5 ideals of the Commercial Club of Chicago and the Civic  
6 Committee; through his leadership, service, and dedication, he  
7 made the Chicago region a better place for everyone to live,  
8 work, and do business; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Kelly R. Welsh on his retirement as president  
12 of the Commercial Club of Chicago and the Civic Committee of  
13 the Commercial Club of Chicago, commend him for his service  
14 and dedication, and wish him the best in his future endeavors;  
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Kelly Welsh as an expression of our esteem and  
18 respect.