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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Charles Matthews on the
4 occasion of his retirement as president and chief executive
5 officer of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Matthews earned his Bachelor of Arts in
7 Economics from Talladega College in Alabama and his master's
8 degree in Finance from Clark Atlanta University School of
9 Business in Georgia; he also completed the University of
10 Pennsylvania Wharton Business School's executive program in
11 utility finance; and

12 WHEREAS, Before taking the helm at Peoples Gas and North
13 Shore Gas, Charles Matthews spent nine years in executive and
14 leadership positions at We Energies, where he served as senior
15 vice president of wholesale energy and fuels and customer
16 solutions; before joining We Energies, he served as president
17 and chief executive officer of Jamaica Public Service Company
18 Limited, a subsidiary of the Mirant Corporation, where he
19 helped structure and then led the company's transition from
20 government-owned to private ownership; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Matthews has spent the last seven years
22 as the president and chief executive officer of Peoples Gas

1 and North Shore Gas, where he managed the daily operations,
2 strategy, and administrative activities of WEC Energy Group's
3 two Illinois utilities that collectively provide safe,
4 reliable natural gas service to nearly one million customers
5 in the City of Chicago and 54 communities in its northern
6 suburbs; his guidance and leadership have been noted as key to
7 the company's success in moving forward while significantly
8 improving customer service; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Matthews is a member of several boards of
10 directors, including the American Gas Association, the Chicago
11 Urban League, the Economic Club of Chicago, the Illinois
12 Utility Business Diversity Council, Navy Pier, Rush University
13 Medical Center, Start Early, the United Way of Metro Chicago,
14 and World Business Chicago; he also is active with Chicago
15 United and the Commercial Club of Chicago, including its Civic
16 Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Matthews will retire after more than 40
18 years in the energy industry at the end of June 2022;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Charles Matthews on the occasion of his
23 retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavors; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Charles Matthews as an expression of our esteem
4 and respect.