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HOUSE RESOLUTION

Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate our friend and colleague, 4 State Representative Tom Demmer, on the occasion of his 5 retirement and thank him for his distinguished service to the 6 people of the State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer has been a member of the House of 8 Representatives since 2013, serving the people of the 90th 9 District with exceptional constituent service and a record of 10 legislative achievement on behalf of families in Lee, Ogle, 11 DeKalb, and LaSalle Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was born and raised in Dixon, where 13 he resides today with his wife, Becca, and their children, 14 Katie and John; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer graduated from the University of 16 Dayton and interned in the Office of the Vice President of the 17 United States at the White House before returning home to 18 Dixon to start his career; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was elected to the Lee County Board
at the age of 22, where he served from 2009 to 2012; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was elected as state representative
2 of the 90th District of Illinois in 2012, taking office at the
3 inauguration of the 98th General Assembly in January 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer served on several healthcare and 5 including the budget committees, Joint Committee on 6 Administrative Rules, acting strong voice as а for 7 transparency, ethics, and fiscal responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer served as chairman of the House 9 Republican Conference from January 2017 to July 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was appointed Deputy Republican 11 Leader by House GOP Leader Jim Durkin in July 2018 in 12 recognition of his expertise on state budget and healthcare; 13 and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer served as the chief budget negotiator 15 for House Republicans and the GOP point person for all of the 16 State's fiscal issues, earning the respect of his peers as a 17 leader in calling for meaningful pension and structural 18 reforms to the State's budget; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer co-founded the Children's Health 20 Caucus to ensure children across Illinois have access to 21 healthcare services, and he was a founding member of the HR1062 -3- LRB102 30050 LAW 42251 r Future Caucus and Technology Caucus; and

2 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was the 2022 Republican nominee for 3 Illinois State Treasurer; and

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WHEREAS, In the private sector, Rep. Demmer was the director of Innovation & Strategy at KSB Hospital, a not-for-profit community hospital with locations in Lee and Ogle Counties; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer was recognized throughout his tenure 9 in the General Assembly; he was given the title of Legislative 10 Champion numerous times, including by the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), 11 the Affordable Assisted Living Coalition, and the Illinois State Alliance of 12 13 YMCAs; he was also been named Legislator of the Year by several 14 including the Illinois organizations, Psychological Association, the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the 15 Community Behavioral Healthcare Association, and the Illinois 16 17 Asphalt Pavement Association; he received the Medicaid Partner Award from the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans, 18 19 the Voice of Senior Care Award from the Illinois Health Care 20 Association, the Transformer Award from Transform Illinois, 21 the Friend of Infrastructure Award from the Transportation for Illinois Coalition, the Champion of Innovation Award from 22 23 TechNet, the Champion Award from the Health Care Council of

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9 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer is a member of St. Anne Parish, the 10 Dixon Rotary Club, and the Knights of Columbus; he also serves 11 as a volunteer teacher with Junior Achievement; he proudly 12 served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald Reagan Boyhood 13 Home Preservation Foundation in Dixon; and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. Demmer has been a valued colleague, mentor, 15 and friend to many during his 10 years of service in the 16 General Assembly and has served the people of the 90th 17 District with honor and distinction; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 20 we congratulate Representative Tom Demmer on his retirement 21 from the General Assembly and wish him all the best in his 22 future endeavors; and be it further HR1062 -5- LRB102 30050 LAW 42251 r
1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Demmer as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.