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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor former Illinois State Senator
4 Brian Stewart on his 10 years of esteemed service as a member
5 of the Illinois General Assembly and thank him for his
6 dedication to the State of Illinois and his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart was born in Freeport to Lester and
8 Genevieve Stewart on October 25, 1957, a fifth generation
9 native of northwest Illinois; he was raised in Freeport along
10 with his siblings, Becky, Bonnie, Brenda, and Brad; and

11 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart joined the U.S. Army at the age of
12 18; he served as a military police officer and military police
13 investigator, and he still maintains the friendships of his
14 fellow soldiers to this day, attending reunions every other
15 year at a selected army base; and

16 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart completed his military service with
17 an honorable discharge and returned to Freeport, where he
18 served as a deputy for the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office,
19 rose to rank of sergeant, and served on a major case squad for
20 nine northwestern Illinois counties; and

21 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart used his time off from the sheriff's

1 department to start his first private investigating business
2 at his kitchen table in 1987; his hard work and perseverance in
3 small business allowed him to retire from the sheriff's office
4 early to pursue private business endeavors; and

5 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart owns several businesses, including
6 his primary business, Stewart and Associates, and services for
7 security, private investigations, background investigations,
8 civil processing, and information technology as well as
9 software businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart built the company from a handful of
11 customers and employees to the largest employer in northwest
12 Illinois with almost 500 employees and service to all 50
13 states and over 80 countries worldwide and keeps most of his
14 business locations centered in his hometown of Freeport; and

15 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart served as an alderman and trustee
16 for Freeport Township; he served as chair and board member of
17 the Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission, and he was
18 also a member of the Stephenson County ETSB(911) Board, the
19 Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Northwest Illinois
20 Development Alliance; and

21 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart has been involved in civic
22 organizations, including the United Way of Northwest Illinois

1 as chairman, the FHN Foundation Be Cancer Free Campaign, and
2 the Stephenson County Employees-UAW Local 2261 as charter
3 president; and

4 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart is a current member of the Freeport
5 Rotary, AMVETS Post 32, and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart was appointed in September of 2013
8 to replace Rep. Jim Sacia in the Illinois House of
9 Representatives; he was sworn in to serve the constituents of
10 the 89th District at the Stephenson County Courthouse on
11 October 4, 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart served in the Illinois House until
13 2018 when he announced he would seek election to the Illinois
14 Senate for the 45th Senate District, succeeding Senator Tim
15 Bivins; he was sworn in early on December 5, 2018 to represent
16 the 45th District, which encompasses all of Stephenson, Jo
17 Daviess, Ogle, parts of Winnebago, DeKalb, LaSalle, Lee,
18 Whiteside, and Carroll Counties; and

19 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart's most distinguishable legislative
20 achievements include those benefiting police officers,
21 firefighters, and emergency personnel; and

1 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart served as a lawmaker for over 10
2 years and served his constituents with determination and
3 class; he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues
4 on both sides of the aisle; and

5 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart's warmth, kindness, generosity,
6 humor, and quick smile have been appreciated by the lawmakers,
7 staff, employees, and citizens of Illinois; he was able to
8 bring people together for the betterment of our State and the
9 communities he served during his time in the General Assembly;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart often says "Your past does not
12 define your future" and believes that hard work, dedication,
13 and integrity can help someone achieve the American Dream in
14 Illinois, and he hopes that his story will inspire many
15 generations to come to pursue their own American Dream;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we honor former Illinois State Senator Brian Stewart on his 10
20 years of esteemed service as a member of the Illinois General
21 Assembly and thank him for his dedication to the State of
22 Illinois and his community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Sen. Stewart as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.