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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Raymond P. Botch, Jr. of Westmont on the occasion of his retirement as Village Manager of Westmont; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Botch was born March 2, 1943 in Waterbury, Connecticut; he graduated from Elgin High School in 1961; he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa in 1965 and an M.P.A. from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Botch has served as the Village Manager of Westmont since November 1, 1985; under his leadership, Westmont has emphasized professionalism; during his tenure, the police department was accredited in 1999 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; the fire department received accreditation in 2001 from the International City Management Association/International Fire Chiefs Association; Westmont received the Government Finance Officers Association's highest award for budget presentation, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in 2001, 2002, and 2003; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Botch, the business sector of Westmont has grown; the yearly business revenues increased from \$295 million in 1990 to \$823 million in 2002; the increase in revenue allows Westmont to have one of the lowest municipal tax rates in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, A major accomplishment during Mr. Botch's career was the redevelopment of the downtown area through the construction of Westmont Centre, Westmont Plaza, and a new village hall; on July 6, 1999, a resolution was passed unanimously by the Westmont Village Board to dedicate the Westmont Centre in honor of Mr. Botch; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Botch has been a member of several
2 professional and civic organizations, including the
3 International City Management Association, the Westmont
4 Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Westmont Main Street
5 (charter member), the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau,
6 the St. Ambrose College Alumni Association, the University of
7 Kansas Alumni Association (life member), the DuPage Mayors
8 and Managers Association, the Illinois City Management
9 Association, the Metro Managers Association, the Fraternal
10 Order of Police (associate member), the Illinois Municipal
11 League, the Westmont High School Booster Club, the Mt. Vernon
12 High School Booster Club, the Mt. Vernon Sportsman's Club,
13 the Elks Lodge #819, the Moose Lodge #755, and the Green
14 Hills Golf Club; and

15 WHEREAS, During his career, Mr. Botch has also worked as
16 the City Manager of Mt. Vernon and the Assistant City Manager
17 of Highland Park; he has been the recipient of numerous
18 awards and achievements; he became a credentialed manager by
19 the International City Management Association in 2003; he was
20 Westmont Citizen of the Year in 1998 and has served as the
21 president of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism
22 Bureau; in 1997, he received the Distinguished Service Award
23 from the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau and
24 in 1994, he was named Business Person of the Year by the same
25 group; in 1990, he was named the Government Official of the
26 Year by the Downers Grove/Westmont Knights of Columbus;
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
30 we congratulate Mr. Raymond P. Botch, Jr. on the occasion of
31 his retirement as Village Manager of Westmont, and we wish
32 him the best in his retirement; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. Botch as an expression of our esteem.