



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kevin Bell has served the Lincoln Park Zoo since
3 1976, when, at the age of 23, he was hired as curator of birds
4 for the zoo and became the youngest curator in Lincoln Park
5 Zoo's history; though young, Mr. Bell came to the zoo with
6 impressive experience having served as a keeper at the Bronx
7 Zoo, a zoo he was very familiar with as he grew up on the zoo's
8 ground, his father Joseph having served as Director of the
9 Department of Ornithology for 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Since arriving at Lincoln Park Zoo, Mr. Bell has
11 moved up the ranks to Assistant Director in 1993, and in the
12 same year he was named Director; in 1995, he also became
13 President and CEO of The Lincoln Park Zoological Society; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has been a steadfast supporter of natural
15 preservation and conservation throughout the world; he has
16 traveled the globe to Africa, Central America, Iceland, and the
17 Pacific to help develop understanding and programs to protect
18 vulnerable species; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Park Zoo is one of Chicago's finest
20 cultural and scientific institutions; open 365 days a year, the
21 Lincoln Park Zoo offers the over 3,000,000 visitors a year free
22 access to over 1,200 animals representing 230 species; none of
23 this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of
24 Kevin Bell; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we congratulate Kevin J. Bell on 30 years of service to
28 Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, and we thank him for his devotion
29 the Zoo; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

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