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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pindar will retire from his position at the South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation (SEASPAR) in June of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pindar has served as the director of SEASPAR since February of 1982; during his tenure, he worked with local State legislators to obtain over \$786,000 of funding for the association's permanent office and program space; it was a phenomenal effort of advocating for support and creating a fair and equitable funding formula; the public money combined with private donations funded the entire \$900,000 building project; in the three years since the facility opened, it has saved the agency over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, He has overseen SEASPAR's growth from seven to ten communities and the exponential growth of programs and services; he has worked with community groups for funding and general support of the organization and advocated for legislation that positively impacted SRA funding and participant services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pindar's proactive leadership and sense of fiscal responsibility led the organization to change from traditional insurance to a risk management pool, with an emphasis on managing risks, not just buying insurance; he was heavily involved in the creation and development of Safety Village of Darien, a child-sized town designed for children, ages five and older, to learn about safety awareness; he also oversaw the creation of the Athletic Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, He is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and a Certified Park and Recreation Professional; he has received the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Special Recognition

1 Award and Excellence in Service Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Bob is respected and loyal, compassionate and
3 thoughtful, and no job has been too large or small for him; he
4 enjoys reading, tracking with his dogs, the Pittsburgh
5 Steelers, movies, an occasional cigar, and traveling with his
6 family; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Mr. Robert "Bob" Pindar on the occasion of his
10 retirement as director of the South East Association for
11 Special Parks And Recreation; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to him as an expression of our esteem and with best
14 wishes for a relaxing retirement.