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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Jack Hicks on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service to the Deerfield Public Library; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks was appointed Library Director 18 years ago; prior to that he served as head of the Reference Department; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure with the library, the collection of books has grown from 30,000 to 185,000; throughout the years, he led the remodeling, renovating, and growth of the library through changes in both technology and physical space; in addition to repairing the building and the computers, and constructing a puppet theater, writing its scripts, and performing, Mr. Hicks provided the first online information retrieval system in the north suburban area and instructed other communities in its use; and

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WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the library was voted "Business of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce and has also won awards for July 4th Family Day; he is loved by staff and patrons because he is extremely genuine, personable, and a very concerned and giving person; and

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WHEREAS, He is a true renaissance man and does many things well, including woodworking and writing, and he has a love of books and literature; he has written numerous library articles and speeches and serves on the Center for the Book and the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee as well as many other library committees; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks grew up in rural Minnesota; he graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a

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1 bachelor's degree in art and history; he also holds a master's  
2 degree in library science from Rosary College in River Forest;  
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4 WHEREAS, He has lived in Deerfield since 1972; he met and  
5 married his wife Donna after serving in the U.S. Army; she is a  
6 librarian at Northbrook Library; they have two grown daughters,  
7 Maren, who also has a library degree, and Sarah; therefore, be  
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9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Jack Hicks on the occasion of his retirement  
12 after 34 years at the Deerfield Public Library; and be it  
13 further

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