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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in the lives of citizens of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Jimmie H. Smith, the Executive Director of Kids Hope United, is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Smith is a graduate of Carthage College, majoring in Political Science and Business Administration; he has a Master of Arts degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, He also earned a certificate at the National Child Welfare Leadership Center, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and he has an executive management and leadership certificate from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith began his career at the Kenosha County Department of Children and Family Services; he later served as an assistant area administrator for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; while serving there he established one of the first case review systems resulting in a substantial reduction in the number of children residing in residential and foster care; he also established the first on-call, 24-hour emergency response system for D.C.F.S. in Northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Smith is known for his entrepreneurial leadership of child welfare agencies, seeing agency expansion and growth under his leadership, developing leaders and training management, his skills in mergers and acquisitions, and his ability to manage major change efforts; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Jimmie H. Smith on his dedication and hard work  
4           as Executive Director of Kids Hope United and wish him  
5           continued good success in all his future endeavors; and be it  
6           further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Jimmie Smith.