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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 3 State of Illinois wish to honor John Mezera on reaching the 4 milestone of 20 years as city manager for Joliet; and

5 WHEREAS, He began work as a civil engineer for Joliet in 6 1976 having just finished his time with the Army Corp of 7 Engineers; and

WHEREAS, He held the positions of director of public works and commissioner of public service, becoming city manager in 1987, lending stability to a position that was known for its high turnover rate with eight city managers from 1955 to 1987; he was the first city manager to be given a multi-year contract when he started; and

WHEREAS, He has played a major role in the city's renaissance, which shows no signs of stopping as more downtown development is planned with upscale restaurants, shopping centers, and high-end homes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, congratulate John Mezera on his achievement of 20 years as city manager of Joliet and we thank him for his helping revitalize

- 1 the city; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 3 presented to Mr. Mezera as a token of our esteem.