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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Frank Meredith, President of the Village of Sherman, as he retires; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Meredith was born in Pana on July 31, 1941 and raised in Tower Hill; he graduated from Tower Hill Community High School in 1959 where he was a varsity starter in baseball and basketball for 4 years; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Meredith joined the United States Navy in July 1959; ; he served in Europe, Cuba, and two tours in Vietnam, as well as in the Amphibious Fleet as a Personnelman and Personnel Officer; he was selected Shore Sailor of the Year for the Navy in 1973; in 1975 he was selected as the number one qualified candidate for promotion to Chief Personnelman from the entire United States Navy; he retired in February of 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Meredith was hired in March 1978 as an investigator with the Fair Employment Practice Commission, which was renamed the Department of Human Rights in 1980; in 1982 he was promoted to Manager of the Central/Downstate Division of the Department, the position he held when he retired from the State of Illinois on October 31, 2002; and

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1 WHEREAS, Frank Meredith was elected as a Sherman Village
2 Trustee in 1985 and on April 1, 1987, he was elected President
3 of the Village of Sherman; during his 20 years as President of
4 Sherman he was appointed by the County Chairman to the original
5 E-911 Board, by the Governor to the State Board of Facilities
6 for the Aging, and served on the Sangamon County Planning
7 Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, He was elected to the Board of Directors of the
9 Illinois Municipal League (the statewide association of all
10 elected local officials) in 1992; he was elected as Sergeant at
11 Arms for the League, serving 3 terms; in 1999 he was elected
12 1st Vice President and in 2000, the 99th President of the
13 Illinois Municipal League; and

14 WHEREAS, As the President of the Village of Sherman, he
15 provided the leadership that saw Sherman grow from a Village of
16 1,000 residents to the current population of approximately
17 3,600; he oversaw the construction of the Village sanitary
18 system and secured the funding to build hard surface streets in
19 original Sherman and Lyndale Subdivision; the Village approved
20 the home rule form of government, and he introduced several new
21 programs to the Village such as a Village Recycling Program; he
22 worked with several county, State, federal, and railroad
23 officials to secure the funding for the new east/west

1 underpass, perhaps the most significant improvement to the
2 Village in it's history; after 20 years as President of the
3 Village Board, he is the longest serving President in Sherman's
4 history; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Frank Meredith on his retirement as President of
8 the Village of Sherman and wish him the best in his future
9 endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Frank Meredith as a symbol of our respect.