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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor former State Representative
4 Chuck Hartke, as he steps down as the Director of the
5 Department of Agriculture on February 29; and

6 WHEREAS, Chuck Hartke, who spent more than 18 years in the
7 Illinois House of Representatives before getting his dream job
8 as director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture in 2003,
9 is stepping down from his position to take care of family
10 needs; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartke has been active in public service for
12 most of his life, first by valiantly serving his country in the
13 United States Army from 1966 until 1968, including a tour in
14 Vietnam; he served on the Effingham County Board from 1971 to
15 1974, was elected Secretary of the Democratic Central Committee
16 in 1976, and was elected as Effingham County Democratic Central
17 Committee Chairman from 1978 to 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartke, a former president of the Effingham
19 County Pork Producers, served in the Illinois House of
20 Representatives starting in 1985; he was confirmed by the
21 Illinois Senate in 2003 to oversee the Illinois Department of
22 Agriculture; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartke promoted both the State and county
2 fairs while serving in this position; he serves as president of
3 the Midwest Association of State Departments of Agriculture and
4 a board member of the National Association of State Departments
5 of Agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, His family is still actively involved in farming,
7 with his son renting Mr. Hartke's 800-acre farm; Mr. Hartke, in
8 his own words, plans to do something less strenuous, like being
9 a professional golfer or a consultant; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 wish Chuck Hartke the best for both him and his family and
13 thank him for his years of service to the people of the State
14 of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Chuck Hartke as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.