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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize and congratulate  
4 Peter S. Knobel as he retires after 30 years of outstanding  
5 leadership in the greater Jewish and non-Jewish community as  
6 the Senior Rabbi of Beth Emet the Free Synagogue (Beth Emet);  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Beth Emet is a reform congregation that has served  
9 Evanston and the surrounding communities for more than 50  
10 years; Beth Emet balances innovation and tradition in all  
11 aspects of communal life; Beth Emet seeks creative ways to  
12 integrate the new with the old in worship, education, and  
13 community-strengthening, often initiating meaningful change;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, During Rabbi Knobel's tenure, he cultivated  
16 growth and change at Beth Emet and in the greater community; he  
17 represented Beth Emet while serving on the Board of many local  
18 and national institutions, including the Association of Reform  
19 Zionists of America, Union for Reform Judaism, the American  
20 Jewish Committee, the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan  
21 Chicago, and the Council for Parliament of the World's  
22 Religions; and

1           WHEREAS, Rabbi Knobel has been a leader in the reform  
2 Jewish movement and been a long-time advocate for social  
3 action; and

4           WHEREAS, As an advocate for social action, Rabbi Knobel has  
5 led and participated on committees for many of the Reform  
6 Rabbinical and nationally-recognized Jewish organizations  
7 efforts for over 40 years; and

8           WHEREAS, Rabbi Knobel was the Past President of the Chicago  
9 Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis;  
10 he co-chaired the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR)  
11 Project; he was involved in the Development of Liturgy,  
12 sponsored by the Lilly Endowment and the Nathan Cummings  
13 Foundation; he chaired the CCAR Ad Hoc Siddur Editorial  
14 Committee; he served as Director of the Resource Center for  
15 Jewish Health Care Ethics and has participated as a member on  
16 the Illinois State Attorney's Task Force on the Foregoing of  
17 Life Sustaining Treatment while putting special emphasis on  
18 health, healing, death, and dying; and

19           WHEREAS, Rabbi Knobel's experience and education make him a  
20 sought-after speaker and nationally recognized expert in the  
21 field of Jewish studies and liturgy; therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 congratulate Rabbi Peter S. Knobel on all his success and wish  
3 him the best in the future as he continues to be an advocate  
4 for faith, peace, and learning for all people; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Rabbi Peter Knobel as an expression of our respect  
8 and esteem.