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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate James Durkan on his  
4 retirement as President/CEO of the Community Memorial  
5 Foundation in Hinsdale; and

6           WHEREAS, Jim Durkan is retiring as President/CEO of  
7 Community Memorial Foundation (CMF) effective December 31,  
8 2011; he is a native of Swinford County Mayo, Ireland; County  
9 Mayo has a long honored tradition in Irish history; St. Patrick  
10 himself is claimed to have spent 40 days and 40 nights on  
11 Croagh Patrick praying for the people of Ireland; County Mayo  
12 also produced national treasures such as Michael Davitt and  
13 James Daley, who instituted social change during England's  
14 occupancy; James Durkan is another in the long list of Mayo men  
15 who bring honor and distinction for their sense of good will  
16 and justice; and

17           WHEREAS, Jim Durkan has been with Community Memorial  
18 Foundation since its beginning in August 1995, after serving as  
19 the President of La Grange Memorial Hospital Foundation for 5  
20 years and working in leadership roles at hospitals on the east  
21 coast; under his 16 years of leadership, the Foundation has  
22 awarded more than \$50 million in grants to organizations  
23 serving people in the western suburbs; and

1           WHEREAS, During his tenure, he guided the launch of the  
2           Foundation's Responsive Grants Program, Building  
3           Organizational Effectiveness Initiative, and Healthcare Access  
4           Program, as well as past grant programs such as the Youth  
5           Initiative, Early Childhood Initiative, and Aging Well  
6           Program; and

7           WHEREAS, He has worked tirelessly to further the  
8           Foundation's mission and develop a spirit of grant-making that  
9           is built on making a difference in the community; His  
10          unwavering dedication and thoughtful leadership has enabled  
11          Community Memorial Foundation to deepen its impact in improving  
12          the health and well being of those who live and work in the  
13          western suburbs; and

14          WHEREAS, Over the years he has also served the community as  
15          Board Chair of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and  
16          Industry and of the Hinsdale Center for the Arts, and served as  
17          a board member of the Donors Forum; currently he serves on many  
18          boards and advisory committees including the Siragusa Family  
19          Foundation, TASC, the DuPage Health Coalition, the Illinois  
20          Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council, and the  
21          Illinois Transitional Care Advisory Board; therefore, be it

22          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate James Durkan on his retirement and thank him  
3 for his years of service; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to James Durkan as a symbol of our respect and  
6 esteem.