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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed former
4 colleague, State Representative Dan Reitz, on his 14 years as a
5 member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank him for his
6 dedicated service to his State and his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz was born and raised in
8 Randolph County, where he and his wife, Joyce, raised their
9 three children, Nathan, Nicholas, and Natalie; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz served his community as a
11 Randolph County Commissioner from 1987 until 1996, serving as
12 chairman of the county board, and helped to lead his county
13 through the Great Flood of 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, Following the tragic and unexpected death of Rep.
15 Terry Deering, Rep. Reitz answered the call of service by
16 accepting an appointment as State representative of the 116th
17 District; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz never forgot his roots as a
19 coal miner; in the legislature he advocated for investment in
20 Illinois' coal industry and offered unwavering support for his
21 fellow miners during some of the industry's most difficult

1 times; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz has been a proud advocate for
3 hunters and sportsmen; his contribution toward the
4 construction of the World Shooting and Recreation Complex in
5 Sparta, Illinois, helped to create economic opportunity in the
6 region, expanded access to hunting, fishing, and shooting, and
7 built a world-class facility where hunters, sportsmen,
8 conservationists, and shooting enthusiasts can share
9 traditions and pastimes and instill an appreciation for
10 Illinois' natural resources with a new generation of sportsmen;
11 since 2006, the facility has served as the home of the Amateur
12 Trapshooting Association Grand American Trapshooting
13 Championships, one of the premier events in shooting sports,
14 welcoming over 7,000 sportsmen and 100,000 spectators each
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz has been a tireless champion
17 of Illinois' agricultural community, serving as chairman of the
18 Agriculture and Conservation Committee, promoting investment
19 in ethanol, protecting farmlands, and consistently making the
20 voice of Illinois' farmers heard in Springfield; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Reitz has been a leading advocate
22 for strengthening and maintaining Illinois' levees, preventing
23 flooding, and protecting the homes, communities, and security

1 of riverfront families; and

2 WHEREAS, All who had the honor to serve alongside
3 Representative Reitz will miss his warm friendship and will
4 strive to emulate the collegial esteem he brought to this
5 chamber; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate and thank State Representative Dan Reitz for
9 his years of dedicated service; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Representative Reitz as an expression of our
12 respect and esteem, and with our best wishes for his future
13 success.