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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Eugene L. Siegel as
4 he retires from his position as mayor of the Village of Chicago
5 Ridge; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Siegel was first elected as part-time mayor
7 of Chicago Ridge in 1975 to fill an unexpired term; he was
8 re-elected in 1977 to a full-term and has been mayor ever
9 since; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Siegel has accomplished much during his 37
11 years in office; he was instrumental in the development of the
12 Chicago Ridge Mall in 1981 and the Commons of Chicago Ridge in
13 1988; he saw to improvements to Ridgeland Avenue, installation
14 of an adequate water system with a reservoir and pumping
15 station, street lighting, construction of a senior citizen
16 center, installation of traffic signals at hazardous
17 intersections, creation of a full-time fire
18 department/paramedics, the doubling of the police department,
19 and the establishment of a youth service bureau; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Siegel's most recent accomplishments
21 include the public works facility located in the industrial
22 park and the new municipal complex, which holds the village

1 administrative offices, the police department, the youth
2 services bureau, and the senior citizen center; the village
3 board named the new facility the Eugene L. Siegel Municipal
4 Complex; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1984, Mayor Siegel has hosted an annual
6 children's Christmas party at the Chicago Ridge Mall theatres;
7 he also supports youth sports activities, scouting programs,
8 and a senior citizens Christmas luncheon; he has spent over
9 \$225,000 of non-taxpayer funds over the years for these
10 programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Siegel currently serves as vice-chairman of
12 the Southwest Council of Mayors and is the legislative chairman
13 for the Southwest Conference of Local Government; he is a
14 member of the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors and
15 is on the executive committee; he was elected first vice
16 president and then president of the Illinois Municipal League
17 in September 2004 and served as president until September 2005;
18 he was a past member of the Midway Airport Task Force and is
19 currently a member of the Cook County Advisory Board on
20 Community Development Block Grant Applications; he was one of
21 the founders of Southwest Central Dispatch and is now a member
22 of the executive board of directors; he was on the Chicago Area
23 Transportation Study for Northeast, Illinois, and was a member
24 of the executive committee and original member of Southwest

1 Local Government; he is on the Mayor's Caucus and serves on the
2 executive committee for the Mayor's Caucus and was one of only
3 2 mayors representing Illinois on the National League of Cities
4 Council in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Siegel was married to Virginia for 42 years
6 before her passing; he remarried in 2001 to Linda (nee
7 Wilkins); with his remarriage, he added Linda's son, John
8 Herring and grandson, John to the fold; his children with
9 Virginia are sons, Gary, Andrew, and Matt; daughter, Janet; and
10 grandchildren, Stephen, Bradley, Victoria, Alexandria, and
11 Abigail; he has been a resident of Chicago Ridge for the past
12 56 years; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Eugene L. Siegel as he retires from his
16 position as mayor of the Village of Chicago Ridge, thank him
17 for his service to the community of Chicago Ridge, and wish him
18 well in all his future endeavours; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Mayor Siegel as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.