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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Nate Martin as he retires from the Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Nate Martin was appointed to the Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners in 1995 to fill a 2-year unexpired term; he was subsequently elected to the board in 1999, 2005, and 2007; he has served with distinction for 3 6-year terms, with 3 years as president from 2004-2007; and

WHEREAS, Nate Martin was appointed to the Illinois Association of Park Districts Board of Trustees in January 2008 and continues to serve as vice-chairman; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Nate Martin received the Mike Cassidy Commissioner Community Service Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association; and

WHEREAS, Nate Martin has advocated expanding district services to meet the after-school recreational needs of area youth and has strongly supported the Recreation Grants partnerships that currently fund 30 community agencies and

1 programs in delivering recreational programs throughout the
2 summer; he was instrumental in the planning and development of
3 Southwest Community Park and has volunteered his time and
4 talent for several community organizations in addition to the
5 park board, such as the Alignment Rockford Steering Committee;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Some of Nate Martin's most notable projects are
8 Levings Lakers (a fishing program for kids), Rec Nights for
9 middle school youth, and the Masai Teen Challenge program; and
10 he has been a champion for youth sports and activities to keep
11 the youth of our community off of the streets; and

12 WHEREAS, Nate Martin's retirement is official in April 2013
13 and a reception will be held on May 8, 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Nate Martin is married to Marge and they have a
15 son, Chad, and a daughter, Marcia; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Nate Martin as he retires from the Rockford
19 Park District Board of Commissioners; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Nate Martin as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.