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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Naperville Mayor A. George Pradel on the occasion of his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Pradel took his oath of office as Naperville's 40th Mayor on May 1, 1995; he was re-elected in 1999, 2003, and in 2007, becoming the only Naperville Mayor to be elected to 4 terms; he is currently serving his 5th term; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Pradel has guided Naperville through a period of significant growth; the city's population places it 5th in the State and it has received national and international recognition; it is among the top 3 best places to live in the Chicago area and is among the best places to retire in the United States; it has the lowest crime rate in the country for a city its size; it was named as the #1 City in the United States to Raise Children in 1997 and received the #2 ranking in 1999; in 2013, Naperville was selected by Money Magazine as the 3rd best place to live and raise children in the country; financially, the city is one of the strongest and has earned a dual AAA bond rating since 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Pradel has led the recent relocation and

1 expansion projects that have brought and retained some of the  
2 country's leading technological and retail businesses,  
3 providing an outstanding quality of life for its residents; in  
4 2004, he received the Chicagoland's Hottest Mayor award from  
5 Eric and Kathy at 101.FM, The Mix; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Pradel is a participant with numerous  
7 organizations, including the Naperville Lions Club, the  
8 Naperville Rotary Club, the American Cancer Society, the  
9 Illinois Police Association, the DuPage County Police  
10 Association, the Naperville Marines, the Veterans of Foreign  
11 Wars, the American Legion, and the Naperville Exchange Club; he  
12 serves on many boards, including, Police and Fire Pension, the  
13 North East Multi-Regional Training, DuPage 100 Club, State  
14 Police Merit, and the Naperville Development Partnership; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Pradel had previously served with the  
16 Naperville Police Department for 29 years, working his way  
17 through the ranks from parking enforcement and the juvenile  
18 division to Sergeant in 1977; he was promoted to Lieutenant in  
19 1986; he retired in April of 1995 to assume his position as  
20 Mayor; while with the department, he was instrumental in  
21 establishing the bicycle and child safety programs for the city  
22 and has been known as "Officer Friendly" to 3 generations of  
23 Naperville students; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate Naperville Mayor A. George Pradel on his  
4           retirement, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors;  
5           and be it further

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