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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Michael "Mike" O'Donnell on the occasion of his retirement from his position as Executive Director of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging (ECIAAA), a regional, non-profit organization, after more than 35 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mike O'Donnell oversees community-based programs and services supporting more than 20,000 older adults in over 16 counties, working in coordination with the Illinois Department of Aging and a network of other agencies; he is responsible for the administration of the agency's \$8.9 million dollar budget, including federal and State funds; he previously worked as Planner, Planning Manager, and Associate Director at ECIAAA; and

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WHEREAS, With unwavering dedication to improving the quality of life of older Americans and their families in Central Illinois, Mike O'Donnell is known for his commitment to implementing evidence-based healthy-aging programs; and

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WHEREAS, Mike O'Donnell advocates tirelessly with public officials for issues and policies that support an older adult's ability to live life with dignity and safety, making

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1 independent and informed choices for as long as possible; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike O'Donnell shares willingly his knowledge and
3 expertise both professionally and personally, including
4 serving as President of the Illinois Coalition on Mental Health
5 and Aging; as past President of Illinois Association of Area
6 Agencies on Aging and the Illinois Coalition on Aging; as past
7 Secretary of Illinois Aging Services; and as a member of the
8 Steering Committee for the Illinois Community Health and Aging
9 Collaborative; and

10 WHEREAS, Mike O'Donnell, as a man of faith, served his
11 country in the United States Navy; he serves as President of
12 the Board of Directors for the West Bloomington Revitalization
13 Project, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Central
14 Catholic High School in Bloomington, and is a former board
15 member for St. Mary's School; he also serves St. Mary's Parish
16 by coordinating its yearly "Annual Diocesan Appeal" campaign
17 and his church as a Cantor and choir member; and

18 WHEREAS, Mike O'Donnell is married to Maria, and they plan
19 to spend more time enjoying the company of their 4 adult
20 daughters and their families, including a growing number of
21 grandchildren, and traveling; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Michael "Mike" O'Donnell on his retirement from
3 his position as Executive Director of the East Central Illinois
4 Area Agency on Aging after more than 35 years; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mike O'Donnell a an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.