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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Mayor Thomas Giarrante is a lifelong resident of  
3 the City of Joliet and has served his hometown for over 4  
4 decades; during this time, he has earned the admiration and  
5 respect of Joliet's residents, fellow City Council members, and  
6 City Hall staff; and

7           WHEREAS, Thomas Giarrante attended Sacred Heart Grade  
8 School, Joliet Catholic High School, and Joliet Junior College;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Thomas Giarrante's outstanding record of  
11 community service began with a 22-year career with the Joliet  
12 Fire Department, including 16 years serving as President of  
13 Joliet Firefighters Local 44 and 2 years as Secretary of the  
14 Police and Fire Board; and

15           WHEREAS, Thomas Giarrante's decades of service as an  
16 elected official includes 6 years as a Joliet Park District  
17 Board Commissioner, 3 years as President of the Park Board, 14  
18 years as an elected Joliet City Councilman-At-Large, where he  
19 served as Chairman of the Joliet Waterpark Committee, Chairman  
20 of the Baseball Committee, past Chairman of the Public Safety  
21 Committee, past member of the Public Service Committee, and  
22 past member of the Joliet Township Senior Citizen Services

1 Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, During his term as a Joliet City  
3 Councilman-At-Large, Thomas Giarrante was directly involved in  
4 attracting new businesses and improving the quality of life of  
5 his hometown with a significant number of development projects  
6 such as Joliet's 2 world-class casinos, Chicagoland Speedway,  
7 the CenterPoint Intermodal Center, Route 66 Raceway, Autobahn  
8 Country Club, the Joliet Area Historical Museum, the west side  
9 branch of the Joliet Public Library, Splash Station Water Park,  
10 and Silver Cross Field; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2011, Thomas Giarrante was elected Mayor of the  
12 City of Joliet; immediately upon taking office, he established  
13 the Committee to Attract and Retain Business (CARB), a  
14 committee comprised of 18 local professional and business  
15 people to assist in maintaining his vision of a strong  
16 "pro-business" atmosphere; his office door was always open as  
17 he constantly met with local leaders, members of the business  
18 community, and everyday citizens who simply needed his help;  
19 his leadership through difficult economic times restored  
20 Joliet's financial well being, brought new jobs and retail  
21 developments throughout the City, and positioned Joliet as one  
22 of the most business-friendly communities in the Midwest; and

23 WHEREAS, Thomas Giarrante's love of Joliet is only

1 superseded by his love and devotion to his family; he has been  
2 married to Rosemary Giarrante for 53 years; together, they have  
3 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, who  
4 will now be the recipient of his affection, time, and  
5 attention; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 thank Mayor Thomas Giarrante for his leadership and dedicated  
9 service and wish him success and happiness in the future; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Thomas Giarrante as a symbol of our respect and  
13 esteem.