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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Fred H. Bright, Jr. on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Mayor of East Alton after 18  
5 years; and

6           WHEREAS, Mayor Bright first came to the Village of East  
7 Alton as Police Chief in 1972; in 1978, he became the Director  
8 of Operations (Major) for the Madison County Sheriff's  
9 Department; he was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board  
10 in 1978, serving until 1983; in 1983, he was appointed to the  
11 East Alton Fire & Police Commission, where he served until  
12 being elected to the Village Board of Trustees, serving from  
13 1987 to 1997; in 1997, he was elected Mayor of the Village of  
14 East Alton; and

15           WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor Bright has overseen the  
16 demolition of numerous derelict structures and the  
17 construction of many new homes; new building codes were  
18 instituted, providing the residents of East Alton with safer  
19 housing; police and fire vehicles were modernized; and many  
20 infrastructure projects were completed; and

21           WHEREAS, Mayor Bright is the past Chairman of the Wood  
22 River Township Democratic Precinct Committeemen and serves on

1 the Madison County Democratic Central Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Mayor Bright is a veteran of the United States  
3 Army; he earned his bachelor's and master's degree from  
4 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; he and his late  
5 wife, Shirley, have 2 daughters, Lisa (Sam) Darr and Erin  
6 (Todd) Watson and 4 grandchildren, Megan, Zackary, Braydon, and  
7 Jady; since 1983, he has provided insurance at his State Farm  
8 agency; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Fred H. Bright, Jr. on his retirement as Mayor of  
12 East Alton after 18 years and we wish him the best in all his  
13 future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Mayor Bright as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.