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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate their colleague, Donald
4 L. Moffitt, on the occasion of his retirement as State
5 Representative of the 74th District after a long and
6 distinguished career of public service; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt was born in Galesburg to
8 Russell and Gertrude Moffitt on February 18, 1947; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt received his Bachelor of
10 Science in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics
11 from the University of Illinois in 1969, where he was a member
12 of the Nabor House Fraternity; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt worked as a high school
14 agriculture teacher from 1969 to 1973 for the ROVA School
15 District (now ROWVA) in Oneida; during that time, he was
16 elected as an Alderman for Oneida; he served as Mayor from 1972
17 to 1975; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1975, Representative Moffitt continued as a
19 full-time family farmer in Gilson; farming goes back in his
20 family seven generations to Scotland; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt served as an Alderman for
2 Knoxville from 1977 to 1978, and as Chair of the Police
3 Committee for the City; he won a seat on the Knox County Board,
4 serving from 1978 to 1984, and as Chair from 1982 to 1984; he
5 served as Knox County Treasurer from 1984 to 1992, where he
6 helped increase interest earnings on county-invested funds and
7 brought real estate tax collection back on time; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1992, Representative Moffitt was elected by the
9 constituents of the then-94th District to represent their
10 interests in the Illinois House of Representatives; his
11 district number changed to the 74th after the redistricting
12 following the 2000 census, and he continued to dutifully
13 represent his district until his retirement in early 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, During his career in the Illinois House,
15 Representative Moffitt championed many causes, including
16 improving fire prevention and response capabilities,
17 agricultural initiatives, local government improvements, and
18 safety issues such as requiring swing-out arms on the front of
19 school buses; and

20 WHEREAS, Considered by both parties to be a legislator who
21 "knew how to get things done", Representative Moffitt thrived
22 in his committee service while serving in the Illinois House;
23 he served as a member of the 9-1-1 Services Advisory Board from

1 2014 to 2015; a member and eventually Minority Spokesperson of
2 the Agriculture and Conservation Committee from 1993 to 1996
3 and 2003 to the present; a member of the Public Safety
4 Appropriations Committee from 1997 to 1998, 2005 to 2006, and
5 2013 to the present; Co-Chair of the Commission on Government
6 Forecasting and Accountability from 2015 to the present; member
7 and Vice-Spokesperson from 1993 to 1994 of the Elementary and
8 Secondary Education Committee, serving from 1993 to 1996, 1999
9 to 2006, 2011 to the present; Co-Chair of the EMS Task Force
10 from 2011 to 2012, which held 16 public hearings throughout the
11 State to gather input for recommendations; Co-Chair of the Fire
12 Funding Task Force in 2002, which held 22 public hearings
13 throughout the State to gather input for recommendations; Chair
14 of the Fire Protection Committee from 2007 to 2010; founding
15 member and Co-Chair of the bipartisan Illinois General Assembly
16 Fire Caucus; a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative
17 Rules from 2011 to 2015; and Minority Spokesperson of the
18 Public Safety-Police & Fire Committee from 2013 to 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt has been active in his
20 community, serving as a Board Member for the Carver Community
21 Action Agency, a member of the Galesburg Noon Lion's Club, a
22 Mason, a member of the Knox County Farm Bureau, a member and
23 Endowment Committee member, and as past Finance Committee Chair
24 at Knoxville United Methodist Church; he was named a Rotary
25 International Paul Harris Fellow in 2007, and Lion's Club

1 International Melvin Jones Fellow in 2013; he received the 2003
2 Thomas B. Herring Award from the Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt has been recognized and
4 awarded for his service to his community time and again; he
5 received the Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR Friend of
6 Agriculture Award during each of his terms; the 1994 Illinois
7 Political Action Committee for Education Outstanding Freshman
8 Representative Award; the 1994 National Federation of
9 Independent Business Illinois Guardian of Small Business
10 Award; the 1996 Illinois Soybean Association Legislative
11 Award; 2000 the Illinois Optometric Association Legislator of
12 the Year Award; the 2002 Illinois Association of Fire
13 Protection Districts Legislator of the Year Award; the
14 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Legislative Award; the
15 2003 Illinois Pork Producers Legislative Award; he was also
16 recognized as a University of Illinois Fire Service Institute
17 Legislators Fire Academy Graduate in 2003; the 2003 Illinois
18 Fire Service Legislator of the Year Award; the 2004 Genetic
19 Task Force of Illinois Legislator of the Year Award; the 2005
20 Jim Guilinger Legislative Award from the Illinois Leadership
21 Council for Ag Education; the 2005 Illinois Law Enforcement
22 Training & Standards Board Distinguished Service Award; the
23 2006 Illinois Rural Health Association Legislator of the Year
24 Award; the 2008 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Appreciation Award;
25 the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts which

1 established the "Donald Moffitt" Legislator of the Year Award
2 and presented it to its namesake in 2010; the 2012 Illinois
3 Association of Arson Investigators Recognition of Sprinkler
4 Legislation; the 2014 Illinois EMS Alliance Legislator of the
5 Year Award; the 2014 Illinois 9-1-1 National Emergency Number
6 Association Legislator of the Year Award; the 2014 Illinois
7 Emergency Medical Technician Association Legislative Award;
8 and the 2016 Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection
9 Districts Lifetime Achievement Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt and his wife, Carolyn,
11 have three children, Londa (Michael) Mauriello, Justin (Jenn)
12 Moffitt, and Amanda (Lance) Setterdahl; they have eight
13 grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Moffitt has shown great passion,
15 dedication, and commitment to his constituents and their needs
16 throughout his legislative career; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 honor and congratulate State Representative Donald L. Moffitt
20 for his work in the Illinois House of Representatives and wish
21 him our best in his retirement; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Representative Moffitt as an expression of our
2 esteem and respect.