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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Paul White on his retirement from Community Action after 38 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Paul White began working at the CEFS Economic Development Corporation on December 4, 1978 and has dedicated his life to the mission of Community Action and fighting the war on poverty; and

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WHEREAS, Before joining the CEFS, Paul White served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Military; and

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WHEREAS, Paul White became the Chief Executive Officer of the CEFS on August 13, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Paul White, CEFS has grown to employ over 240 employees and manages a budget of 16 million dollars; and

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WHEREAS, During the tenure of Paul White as CEO of CEFS, it started the Literacy Program, grew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program, which covers 14 counties in Central Illinois, and started such programs as Head Start, Housing

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1 Counseling, Medicare education, and Energy Conservation, which
2 supports low-income people in achieving self-sufficiency;
3 programs such as Weatherization, LIHEAP, Outreach, CSBG, RSVP,
4 Housing, and Meals on Wheels have provided vital support
5 services to individuals and families; and

6 WHEREAS, CEFS has become a rural transportation provider
7 through the Illinois Department of Transportation, which has
8 grown to include seven counties and provide over 120,000 trips
9 annually; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past 36 years, by the proactive
11 leadership of Paul White, it is estimated that CEFS has
12 provided approximately 500,000 services to low-income people;
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14 WHEREAS, Paul White has served on the boards of Local
15 Workforce #23, Illinois Ventures for Community Action, South
16 Central Continuum of Care, and Shelby County Community
17 Services; and he has served on Board of the Illinois
18 Association of Community Action Agencies for over 20 years;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Paul White on his retirement from Community Action

1 after 38 years of service and we wish him well in his
2 retirement and in all future endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Paul White as a symbol of our respect and esteem.