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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ken Pettijohn on his retirement from Community Action after 42 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Pettijohn has dedicated his life to fighting the war on poverty by creating avenues for low-income people to receive assistance on their road to self-sufficiency, and by instituting policies at Wabash Area Development, Inc. that allow the staff to better assist in achieving those goals; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Pettijohn has been an advocate for low-income people and a voice for the voiceless; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Pettijohn began his career with Wabash Area Development, Inc. as a program planner in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Pettijohn worked as a Juvenile Counselor, Program Manager, Associate Director of the Comprehensive Employment Training Program, and Assistant Director of the Jobs Training Program; and

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WHEREAS, Under the direction of Ken Pettijohn, Wabash Area Development, Inc. formed a foundation to assist the agency to

1 build or purchase office buildings in the organization's core  
2 service counties; this action allowed easy access to programs  
3 like LIHEAP, Weatherization, Head Start, food pantries, CSBG  
4 scholarships, rental assistance, education assistance, and  
5 many other services readily available to those individuals and  
6 families in need; and

7 WHEREAS, Ken Pettijohn has a master's degree, has received  
8 numerous distinguished awards throughout the State and within  
9 the Community Action world, and has gained the respect of his  
10 colleagues and communities; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Ken Pettijohn on his retirement from Community  
14 Action after 42 years of service, and wish him health and  
15 happiness in his retirement years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Ken Pettijohn as an expression of our esteem and  
18 respect.