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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Douglas M. Grounds
4 on the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2017 after 36
5 years of dedicated service as an administrative clerk for the
6 Democratic leadership of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, Douglas Grounds has faithfully served important
9 roles behind the scenes to keep all legislators and staff well
10 informed about pending legislation, including making all
11 committee packets for House Democratic members; and

12 WHEREAS, Since March 1, 1981, Douglas Grounds has served
13 under the leadership of Speakers William A. Redmond and Michael
14 J. Madigan and House Democratic Leader Clyde L. Choate; the
15 guidance of Chiefs of Staff Gary LaPaille and Tim Mapes; and
16 the direction of Research and Appropriations Staff Directors
17 Ralph Nickell, Bill Holland, and Veronica Lynch, and Issues
18 Staff Directors Bill Filan, Jennifer Klendt, Eileen Mitchell,
19 Michael Thompson, Will Cousineau, and Craig Willert; and

20 WHEREAS, Douglas Grounds is affectionately known as "Fast
21 Doug" and "Doug-e-fresh"; he loves his customized, and award
22 winning Ford Mustang (though not a manual transmission), and

1 enjoys disc golf and beating pro athletes like EJ Hall; and

2 WHEREAS, Douglas Grounds is a dedicated and hard worker who
3 only knows one speed - fast; he is always in the office early
4 and would often start and finish labeling mailings before
5 anyone else arrived; he would make the rounds to the different
6 offices around the complex delivering or picking up what was
7 needed, making many friends at each stop; he was always trying
8 hard to reach the coveted goal of achieving the title:
9 Administrative Clerk 5; he was an indispensable part of the
10 workroom and mail programs; he is irreplaceable, and while we
11 may get more workers, there is only one "Fast Doug"; and

12 WHEREAS, Douglas Grounds was responsible for keeping
13 general workroom operations running smoothly; he did this by
14 supporting staff in whatever way was needed; he prepared
15 outgoing mail, loaded and unloaded mail and supplies from
16 trucks and delivery vans, maintained office equipment and
17 arranged for repairs if needed, and maintained inventory of
18 office supplies and workroom cleanliness; he handled the
19 copying, scanning, faxing, and shredding of documents and the
20 sorting and delivering of incoming mail and interoffice
21 correspondence; and he was trusted to drive the Speaker, the
22 Speaker's family, and others when needed; and

23 WHEREAS, Douglas Grounds not only showed his dedication to

1 the State by his faithful work at the Illinois Capitol, but
2 also his dedication to his loves, his long-time girlfriend,
3 Patty, and his daughters, Ashley Wofford, born on July 12,
4 1986, and Kaley Grounds, born August 13, 1993; and

5 WHEREAS, Doug Ground's hard work, integrity, and
6 dedication to both the government and people of the State of
7 Illinois will be fondly remembered by the members of this
8 august body; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Douglas M. Grounds on his retirement, thank him
12 for his many years of dedicated service to the Illinois General
13 Assembly and the people of the State of Illinois, and wish him
14 many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Doug Grounds as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.