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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Greg Petry on the occasion
4 of his retirement as executive director of the Waukegan Park
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Petry started his life in parks and
7 recreation at the age of 15 in his hometown with the East
8 Brunswick Township, New Jersey: Division of Parks and
9 Recreation; and

10 WHEREAS, Greg Petry joined the Waukegan Park District in
11 1987 as the superintendent of parks; prior to that, he worked
12 at Illinois park districts in Highland Park, Mundelein, and
13 Park Ridge; and

14 WHEREAS, Greg Petry has received State and national
15 recognition for leading the Waukegan Park District in the
16 development of outstanding programs and facilities, most
17 notable the Sports Turf Managers Association Harry C. Gill
18 Award and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA)
19 Robert M. Artz Award; and

20 WHEREAS, The Waukegan Park District has received numerous
21 program and facility development awards and honors from

1 professional and trade associations while under Greg Petry's
2 leadership; in 2013, it won the prestigious National Recreation
3 and Park Association (NRPA) Gold Medal and was a finalist for
4 the same in 2012; other agency awards include the NRPA Dorothy
5 Mullen Arts and Humanities Award and the NRPA Barb King
6 Environmental Award; and

7 WHEREAS, Greg Petry has written several articles on park
8 operations and management, sports turf, and park and recreation
9 legislative affairs; he has also been a guest speaker at
10 several universities, as well as at State and national
11 conferences; and

12 WHEREAS, Greg Petry has served many professional
13 associations; he was a regent at the NRPA Maintenance
14 Management School, president of the Midwest Institute of Park
15 Executives, director of the IPRA Parks Section, and president
16 of the National Sports Turf Managers Association; he is
17 currently a member of the Joint Legislative Committee for the
18 Illinois Association of Park Districts and a member of the NRPA
19 Member Relations Task Force; and

20 WHEREAS, Greg Petry was among the first class to be granted
21 a Certified Park and Recreation Executive designation in 2011;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Greg Petry's education includes a Bachelor of
2 Science in Teacher Preparation and Physical Education from
3 Manhattan College in 1978 and a Master of Science in Parks and
4 Recreation Administration from Penn State University in 1980;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Petry's interests include running, fishing,
7 gardening, and downhill skiing; he is married to Candia, a
8 retired Walgreens Pharmacy Manager, and has twin sons, Steve
9 and Dan; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Greg Petry on his retirement as executive director
13 of the Waukegan Park District, and we wish him the best in all
14 his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Greg Petry as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.