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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John Martens on the
4 occasion of his retirement as President of the Carpenter's
5 Union Local 839; and

6 WHEREAS, John Martens began his journey with the
7 Carpenter's Union at Barrington Local 2014 on May 12, 1979;
8 from that day forward, he was a dedicated and active member;
9 his commitment to the Brotherhood was recognized when he was
10 appointed, and then elected, Conductor in 1982; the Barrington
11 and Hoffman Estates Locals merged in 1984, and he continued his
12 service as Conductor; in 1987, he was elected Refreshment
13 Chairman, a position he successfully held until 1994; his
14 service to the Board expanded when he was elected Vice
15 President in 1994; he was elected Recording Secretary in 1997
16 and then President in 2006, a position he has successfully held
17 for the last 12 years; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to positions on the Board, John
19 Martens has served as a delegate to various conferences,
20 including the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades
21 Legislative Conference, the Illinois State Council Convention,
22 the Midwest Labor Management Conference, the UBC General
23 Convention, and the International Apprentice Contest; and

1 WHEREAS, John Martens extended his service beyond Local
2 839, serving on the Trial Board for the Chicago Regional
3 Council of Carpenters since 2000; he has represented Local 839
4 as a delegate on the Council since 1994; he has also served,
5 and represented Local 839, on the Hoffman Estates Economic
6 Development Commission since 2008; additionally, he actively
7 worked with former President T. Richard Day in establishing the
8 Local's Political Action Committee to help support local
9 candidates who support Union issues; and

10 WHEREAS, John Martens dedicated many hours to various
11 community initiatives within the Hoffman Estates community,
12 including the Hoffman Estates Fishing Derby and Sustainability
13 Bird House Build and the Christmas in April Program; he also
14 walked in parades to promote the Brotherhood and support
15 legislative candidates, worked the political phone bank, and
16 canvassed for political candidates; he has led the Local
17 through difficult times of adversity and has always been an
18 aggressive supporter of the Brotherhood; his service is an
19 inspiration to other Brothers and Sisters; and

20 WHEREAS, John Martens was raised in Barrington; he
21 graduated from Barrington High School in 1977; he joined the
22 Chicago District Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Program
23 and completed his training on the job and at Washburn Trade

1 School in Chicago; he is looking forward to spending his
2 retirement traveling and exploring the United States and Canada
3 on his motorcycle; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate John Martens on his retirement as President of the
7 Carpenter's Union and his 39 outstanding years of service, and
8 we wish him success in his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to John Martens as an expression of our esteem and
11 respect.