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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative and  
4 House Republican Floor Leader Peter Breen on his distinguished  
5 service to the 48th Legislative District and the people of  
6 Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was a member of the Illinois House of  
8 Representatives from 2015 to 2019 and served the body with  
9 honor and distinction; and

10           WHEREAS, The people of DuPage County were well-served by  
11 the leadership and bipartisanship of Rep. Breen during his two  
12 terms in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

13           WHEREAS, Rep. Breen graduated from Naperville North High  
14 School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical  
15 Engineering from Vanderbilt University, finishing his B.E. in  
16 three years; he went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the  
17 University of Notre Dame; and

18           WHEREAS, Prior to taking his seat in the General Assembly,  
19 Rep. Breen served from 2011 to 2014 as a trustee and acting  
20 village president for the Village of Lombard; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to his service in the General  
2 Assembly, Rep. Breen practices constitutional law and is  
3 employed as special counsel for the Thomas More Society, a  
4 not-for profit law firm specializing in defense of First  
5 Amendment rights; and

6           WHEREAS, Rep. Breen and his wife, Margie, are raising their  
7 two sons, Matthew and James, in Lombard; and

8           WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was elected to the Illinois House of  
9 Representatives in November of 2014 and took his oath of office  
10 in January of 2015; he was re-elected to the 48th District seat  
11 in November of 2016; and

12           WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership and expertise,  
13 Rep. Breen was appointed to serve in February of 2017 on the  
14 Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR), a  
15 bi-partisan, bi-cameral legislative oversight committee; and

16           WHEREAS, In further recognition of his leadership within  
17 the 51-member House Republican Caucus, Rep. Breen was elevated  
18 to the position of House Republican Floor Leader in July of  
19 2017, where he served the caucus as the lead debater on bills  
20 brought to the House floor for discussion and debate; and

21           WHEREAS, During his four years in the Illinois House of

1 Representatives, Rep. Breen served on several influential  
2 House Committees, including the Energy, Financial  
3 Institutions, Judiciary-Civil, Labor & Commerce, Public  
4 Utilities, Restorative Justice, Consumer Protection, Economic  
5 Development & Housing, and Insurance Committees; he also served  
6 on the Workers' Compensation, Tort Liability Law, Real &  
7 Personal Property Law, and Civil Process Subcommittees; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen always promoted honest dialogue  
9 regarding all points of view on legislative issues and has been  
10 a fierce advocate of balanced budgets and responsible spending;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was respected for his unwavering  
13 support of rights for unborn children; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the last four years, Rep. Breen ushered 32  
15 bills into law as the chief sponsor and championed dozens of  
16 other bills that became laws as a chief co-sponsor or sponsor;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen was the chief sponsor of Public Act  
19 100-0186, an electronic document filing bill that will save  
20 small businesses and non-profits millions in filing fees; and

21 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen also authored Public Act 99-0646, the

1 Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act, which seeks to  
2 put an end to pension spiking at the local level; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen showed a commitment to public safety by  
4 serving as the chief Republican negotiator of bipartisan  
5 legislation signed into law as Public Act 100-0607, which  
6 provides a procedure for family members or law enforcement to  
7 petition for an emergency restraining order to prohibit a  
8 dangerous person from possessing firearms; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen worked with suburban families with  
10 autistic children who attend Lombard's Soaring Eagle Academy  
11 and passed legislation signed into law as Public Act 100-0667,  
12 which allows the Soaring Eagle Academy to transport its K-8  
13 students to off-site locations for learning opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. Breen has been honored with a multitude of  
15 awards and recognitions during his time in the General  
16 Assembly, including the Guardian of Small Business Award from  
17 the Illinois branch of the National Federation of Independent  
18 Businesses, the Perfect Scorecard for Environmental  
19 Stewardship Award from the Illinois Environmental Council, the  
20 Champion of Free Enterprise Award from the Illinois Chamber of  
21 Commerce, the TMA Perfect Score Award from the Illinois  
22 Technology & Manufacturing Association, and the Friend of  
23 Manufacturing Award from the Illinois Manufacturers'

1 Association; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate State Representative Peter Breen on making a  
5 positive difference in the lives of the people he represented  
6 in the 48th District, DuPage County, and across Illinois, and  
7 we wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to Rep. Breen, his wife, Margie, and their sons, as  
11 an expression of our esteem and respect for our colleague and  
12 friend.