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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague,
4 State Senator Pat McGuire, on his eight years as a member of
5 the Illinois General Assembly and to thank him for his
6 dedicated service to our State and his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire attended Catholic schools in his
8 hometown of Joliet; he is the husband of Lora and the father of
9 Molly; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire taught job health and safety to
11 local union members; he also taught English to high school and
12 community college students; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire served his community in elective
14 office as a school board member and a county treasurer before
15 becoming a state senator; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire has represented Illinois Senate
17 District 43 since 2012, serving the people of DuPage and Will
18 Counties for eight years; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire has experience in both private and
20 public schooling; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire was a strong advocate for women
2 and children, acting to toughen penalties on domestic abusers
3 and fund Court Appointed Special Advocate organizations in
4 order to ensure that abused and neglected children are getting
5 the court support that they need and deserve; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire served as the chair of the Senate
7 Higher Education Committee, where he spoke against cuts to the
8 university system during impasse; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire worked to preserve and redevelop
10 Joliet's government facilities, including the Stateville
11 Correctional Center and Collins Street Task Force to preserve
12 the Collins Street prison facility; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire co-sponsored a measure to raise
14 the minimum wage in Illinois to \$15 per hour; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire spoke against harmful cuts to
16 programs like child care assistance and fought to preserve
17 payroll for state workers during the two-year budget crisis
18 that occurred early in his career in the Senate; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire worked to form and lead the
20 bipartisan, bicameral Higher Education Working Group; he

1 created the AIM HIGH state scholarship; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire created the Mental Health Early
3 Action on Campus Act; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire dedicated himself to improving
5 the State's Department of Children and Family Services; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire will be remembered as a supporter
7 of workers' rights and an advocate for collective bargaining;
8 he supported worker safety, pushing for worker access to and
9 knowledge of the regulations and protections granted by OSHA
10 and other state workplace safety organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire was a frequent passenger on
12 Amtrak's Lincoln Service; he was also an advocate for the
13 improvement and further development of mass transit in
14 Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire responded to the COVID-19
16 pandemic with the goal of providing employees with the means to
17 report improper conditions and providing employers with clear
18 guidance on how to reorganize their workplaces to maximize
19 worker safety; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire was an Edgar Fellows Program

1 student of the Class of 2017; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator McGuire has been honored by a number of
3 organizations, including the Romeoville Fraternal Order of
4 Police, the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural
5 Education, the Transportation for Illinois Coalition, the
6 Illinois Optometric Association, Leading Age Illinois, Joliet
7 Central, the senior living communities Heritage Woods of
8 Bolingbrook and Woodridge Horizon, the Southwest Coalition on
9 Substance Abuse Issues, and Volunteers of America of Illinois,
10 among others; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate and honor State Senator Pat McGuire for his
14 dedicated service as a member of the Illinois Senate, and we
15 wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

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