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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John T. Hooker,
4 Executive Vice President, Legislative and External Affairs of
5 Commonwealth Edison Company, who is retiring after forty-four
6 years of service to the company; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker, who started in the ComEd mailroom in
8 1968, has epitomized the American spirit of hard work and
9 steadfast dedication to create a better life for himself, his
10 wife, Kim, his family, and his community; he has been
11 instrumental in helping ComEd build bridges to the community it
12 serves and to better represent the diversity of its 3.6 million
13 customers; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker has become one of the most respected
15 policy advocates in Springfield, known by all for his honesty,
16 integrity, ability to work with all sides of an issue, and an
17 unending personal dedication to make Illinois a better place
18 for all; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker has been a key advocate for the reform,
20 revitalization, and restructuring of the State's electric
21 industry and the modernization of the State's electric
22 infrastructure, and other important policy initiatives; and

1 WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment as executive vice
2 president, he served as senior vice president of Legislative &
3 Governmental Affairs and was responsible for managing ComEd's
4 relationships with the Chicago City Council, the Illinois
5 General Assembly, and other State agencies; previous to that
6 position, he served as senior vice president of Legislative &
7 External Affairs for ComEd; and

8 WHEREAS, At the same time he served as vice president,
9 Property Management, Exelon Energy Delivery, with
10 responsibility for facilities, real estate, and claims at both
11 ComEd and Philadelphia-based sister company PECO Energy; and

12 WHEREAS, John T. Hooker is noted for his many "Hookerisms"
13 of which one highlights his professional career, "will make it
14 work"; and

15 WHEREAS, He has served in numerous ComEd departments for 44
16 years, holding management positions in industrial relations,
17 marketing, governmental, and regulatory affairs; his expertise
18 was instrumental to the passage of Illinois' Customer Choice
19 Law of 1997; he is a founding member of the Exelon African
20 American Members' Association (EAAMA); founded in 1990, the
21 organization focuses on building members' individual growth
22 opportunities within the company; and

1 WHEREAS, He serves on the board of directors of the Chicago
2 State University Foundation; the Peoples Consumer Cooperative;
3 the Safer Foundation; Junior Achievement; and The African
4 American Legacy Initiative; he is a member of the American
5 Association of Black in Energy, an organization devoted to
6 increasing the number of blacks and other minorities in
7 energy-related fields; he also is a member of Chicago State
8 University's Business Hall of Fame committee, and is involved
9 with the Chicago Public Schools Youth Motivation Program;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate John T. Hooker on his retirement and wish him
14 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

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