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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate George S. Rudis on
4 the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished
5 service with the Department of Public Health, the last 21 years
6 as Assistant Deputy Director in the Office of Finance and
7 Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, George S. Rudis has functioned admirably as a jack
9 of all trades for 9 directors of the Department of Public
10 Health as demonstrated by his innate ability to handle various
11 assignments during his nearly 4 decades serving the public's
12 health, including stints as the Chief of Division of Vital
13 Records for the past 11 years, the Chief of the State/Local
14 Liaison Unit for more than 20 years, the Acting Chief of
15 Information Technology, the Acting Chief of Accounting
16 Services, the Edwardsville Regional Health Officer, the Chief
17 of chronic disease programs, and as a sexually transmitted
18 disease investigator; before working for the State, he was the
19 Assistant Director of the Springfield City Health Department;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, George S. Rudis has, for nearly 3 decades,
22 provided invaluable service and expert counsel to local health
23 departments, boards of health and county boards, and advocated

1 for bringing State and local health department together to work
2 for common goals; he was instrumental in the formation of 28
3 local health departments throughout the State, which have
4 helped guarantee people live healthier lives by ensuring the
5 safety of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we
6 breathe; and

7 WHEREAS, George S. Rudis was the Deputy State Registrar
8 when landmark legislation was passed in 2010 (P.A. 96-0895) to
9 allow the release of an adopted person's original birth
10 certificate, and through his diligence and that of his staff,
11 has issued nearly 10,000 original birth certificates to
12 adoptees, that in turn have led to many heartfelt reunions of
13 adoptees and their birth parents; and

14 WHEREAS, George S. Rudis has had many professional
15 accomplishments during his career in public health, including
16 President of the Illinois Public Health Association, President
17 of the American Lung Association and long-time board member,
18 President of the Association of State and Territorial Local
19 Health Liaison Officials, Management Committee of the
20 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Program
21 Committee of the National Association of Local Boards of
22 Health, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Re-Accreditation of
23 the Masters of Public Health Program at the University of
24 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Adjunct Lecturer for the

1 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Co-Chair of the
2 Illinois Accreditation Task Force for the Illinois Public
3 Health Institute, member of the Public Health Practitioner
4 Certification Board, and Peer Reviewer for the Michigan Public
5 Health Institute/Michigan Department of Community Health; and

6 WHEREAS, George S. Rudis received his Bachelor of Science
7 in Health Education from Western Illinois University, where he
8 met his wife, Debbie, and his Master of Arts in Health Services
9 Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield;
10 he became a Certified Public Health Administrator by the
11 Illinois Public Health Administrator Certification Board in
12 Chicago and was named a Fellow by the Mid-America Regional
13 Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of
14 Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate George S. Rudis on the occasion of his
18 retirement after many years of distinguished service with the
19 Department of Public Health, and wish him the best in all his
20 future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to George S. Rudis as an expression of our esteem and
23 respect.