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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Larry W. Mizell on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of Family
5 Counseling Center, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Mizell was born in Pope County; as a young
7 child, he moved to Johnson County, where he has remained as a
8 lifelong resident; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Mizell graduated from Simpson Grade School
10 and Vienna High School; he subsequently received his Bachelor
11 and Master of Science degrees from Murray State University; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1971, Larry Mizell began his first career with
13 the Illinois Department of Corrections as a Personnel Officer
14 at the Vienna Correctional Center; throughout his 29 year
15 career, he served as Administrative Assistant, Warden of the
16 Vienna and Shawnee Correctional Centers, Assistant Deputy
17 Director of the Adult Division, and Chief Deputy Director of
18 the Department; and

19 WHEREAS, In June of 2000, Larry Mizell was selected to
20 serve as the Executive Director of Family Counseling Center,
21 Inc., a non-profit agency which serves adults in Pope, Hardin,

1 and Johnson counties and youth in the southern 7-county region;
2 the agency provides developmental services for disabled adults
3 in both the day training and residential home settings,
4 behavioral health services for adults in outpatient,
5 residential, and independent living settings and for youth in
6 outpatient settings, and substance abuse services to both youth
7 and adults and supportive living services for the senior
8 population; and

9 WHEREAS, As Executive Director of Family Counseling
10 Center, Inc., Larry Mizell was instrumental in many major
11 accomplishments of the agency, including the construction of
12 Garden Apartments in Vienna, an 8-apartment complex for
13 disabled or elderly adults; the acquisition of acreage along
14 Interstate 24 in Johnson County as a possible future office
15 building site and construction of a records storage building;
16 the relocation of the outpatient office in Elizabethtown; the
17 expansion of the Johnson County day training program for
18 developmentally disabled adults with the purchase and
19 renovation of the new training site on Oliver Street in Vienna;
20 the purchase of Cache River House in Karnak, an 8-bed CILA
21 residential home; the construction of Autumn Ridge Supportive
22 Living Facility in Vienna, a 46 apartment complex housing
23 seniors 65 and older; the construction of a new Hilltop House
24 in Rosiclare, an 8-bed CILA residential home; and the expansion
25 of services in Elizabethtown with the purchase and renovation

1 of a 6-bed CILA residential home; and

2 WHEREAS, Larry Mizell is an active member of his community;
3 he is a member and President of the Southern Five Counties
4 Regional Board of Education; he was a member of the State of
5 Illinois Southern District Guardianship Advocacy Board; he is a
6 member of the Board of Directors of Southern Trust Bank in
7 Goreville, the Johnson County Planning Commission, and the
8 Johnson County Revitalization Committee; he was also involved
9 in the creation of "Rails to Trails", the initial conversion of
10 Northfork Southern Railroad into a hiking and biking trail from
11 Saline County through Johnson County and on to Pulaski County;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Larry Mizell and his wife, Barbara, currently
14 reside on their family farm in Johnson County near Trigg Tower
15 and surrounded by the Shawnee National Forest; they have 2
16 children, Margo (Charlie) Keene and Megan (Nathan) Blaylock,
17 and 3 grandchildren, Maggie, Millie, and Zell Keene; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Larry W. Mizell on the occasion of his
22 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
23 future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Larry Mizell as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.