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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Marc Laino on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the  
5 Illinois Racing Board after 31 years of dedicated public  
6 service; and

7           WHEREAS, Marc Laino has been a member of the Illinois  
8 Racing Board since 1987, holding the positions of Deputy  
9 Director, State Director of Mutuels, Board Investigator, and  
10 most recently Executive Director; and

11           WHEREAS, Marc Laino was instrumental in moving the Board's  
12 drug testing program to the University of Illinois at Chicago's  
13 Animal Forensic Toxicology laboratory in 2004 to protect animal  
14 health and uphold the integrity of the Board's equine drug  
15 testing program; and

16           WHEREAS, Marc Laino represented the Illinois Racing Board  
17 on legislation, House Bill 1918, which assisted Illinois  
18 racetracks and horsemen by creating the Horse Racing Equity  
19 Trust Fund and added a 3% tax on riverboats that grossed more  
20 than \$200 million in 2006; and

21           WHEREAS, In 2008, Marc Laino amended the Board's medication

1 rules to include the testing of anabolic steroids in  
2 racehorses, and simultaneously worked to get  
3 out-of-competition testing approved; and

4 WHEREAS, Marc Laino represented the Illinois Racing Board  
5 on legislation in 2008, House Bill 4758, which required 4  
6 Illinois casinos to pay 3% of their adjusted gross revenue to  
7 the horse racing industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Marc Laino acted as the Board's representation on  
9 legislation legalizing advanced deposit wagering in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Marc Laino has chaired the Association of Racing  
11 Commissioners International Wagering Systems Security  
12 Committee; in April of 2014, he was named the recipient of the  
13 2014 Len Foote Award by the Association of Racing Commissioners  
14 International, the highest honor bestowed upon racing  
15 commission executive directors in North America; therefore, be  
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate and thank Marc Laino for his 31 years of  
20 service on the Illinois Racing Board and we wish him all the  
21 best in his much deserved retirement; and be it further

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