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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John Brown on the occasion  
4 of his retirement from the Rock Island County Clerk's Office on  
5 April 28, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, John Brown was born to Joan (Kerres) and John  
7 Brown Sr. on October 16, 1951, the oldest of 10 children; he  
8 was the third generation to be a member of St. Joseph Catholic  
9 Church in Rock Island, and graduated from Alleman High School  
10 and Southern Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, John Brown began working elections in the 1970s by  
12 organizing Blackhawk Township for his father's successful  
13 supervisor candidacy, and since 1978, he has been a Democratic  
14 Precinct Committeeman; he first worked in the Rock Island  
15 County Clerk's office under John Gianulis beginning in 1982; he  
16 continued with County Clerk Dick Leibovitz until 1997, when he  
17 succeeded Carolyn Lund as supervisor of Rock Island Township,  
18 serving until 2013; in 2010, he re-joined the Rock Island  
19 County Clerk's office with Karen Kinney; and

20 WHEREAS, John Brown is a strategic thinker who knows  
21 elections, from the rules and processes to the  
22 precinct-by-precinct results; he is the foremost expert in the

1 area of administering elections; and

2 WHEREAS, John Brown is involved with many projects as chief  
3 deputy: cleaning up the voter files, civil unions and marriage  
4 equality, same-day voter registration, and improving early  
5 voting locations and availability; and

6 WHEREAS, John Brown loves his cats; he enjoys gardening in  
7 his backyard and growing strawberries, cucumbers, tomatoes,  
8 peppers, and spinach; he recently renovated his historical  
9 home; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate John Brown on his retirement from the Rock Island  
13 County Clerk's Office on April 28, 2017, and we wish him the  
14 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to John Brown as an expression of our esteem and  
17 respect.