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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois House
3 of Representatives that distinguished lobbyist Richard "Dick"
4 Lockhart has recently announced that he will be retiring at the
5 end of this session after 59 years as a registered lobbyist;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was born in Lima, Ohio on January
8 20, 1924; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart enlisted in the United States
10 Army in 1943; during his time in the service he was held as a
11 prisoner of war in 1945, and as a result of his bravery and
12 selflessness, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat
13 Infantryman Badge; he was honorably discharged from service on
14 December 12, 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart returned to Chicago and
16 continued his education at Northwestern University Evening
17 School in 1946; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart married Dorothy Phelps in 1948
19 and together they raised two children, Lisa and David; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart pursued a career focused on

1 politics, forming a lobbying and consulting firm, Social
2 Engineering Associates in 1958; he published a nonpartisan
3 newsletter, "The Illinois Political Reporter" beginning in
4 1961 until 1986; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was named as one of the "10 Best
6 Lobbyists in Illinois" by the Chicago Sun-Times; he served as a
7 special consultant to the President of the Constitutional
8 Convention in 1970, as speaker of the Illinois Third House in
9 1981, and in 2004, he was the recipient of the Illinois Third
10 House Lifetime Achievement Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has authored numerous works,
12 including, "The Legislative Process and the Pursuit of Virtue",
13 "Words Wise and Otherwise", and "Lockhart Logic", as well as
14 compiling a World War II memoir in which he eagerly shares his
15 vast knowledge with friends and strangers alike; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has, throughout his lifetime,
17 given generously to support the United States Holocaust
18 Memorial Museum, the Illinois State Library, and the Allen
19 County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has admirably served numerous
21 clients over his career including: the Illinois Credit Union
22 League, the Illinois Mental Health Association, the Illinois

1 School Psychologists Association, the Condominium Association
2 of Chicago, the Retired Chicago Teachers Association, the State
3 University Annuitants Association, and many other groups; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Richard Lockhart plans to write a
5 civics guide on lobbying and the legislative process;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 hereby extend our best wishes to Richard "Dick" Lockhart on the
10 occasion of his retirement and commend him for his years of
11 dedication to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Richard Lockhart as an expression of our esteem
15 and respect.