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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Noel B. Cummings on the
4 occasion of his 90th birthday and commend him on his 38
5 successful years as President of the Village of Hodgkins; and

6 WHEREAS, When President Cummings was elected in April of
7 1979, he presided over a municipality with a population of
8 2000, sales tax receipts of \$30,000, and a reputation that
9 focused more on its taverns than its accomplishments; and

10 WHEREAS, During his time in office, President Cummings has
11 utilized all the economic development tools at his disposal,
12 including TIFs and enterprise zones; one remarkable
13 accomplishment is the development of the Quarry Shopping
14 Center, which is home to Walmart, Sam's Club, Target, new car
15 dealerships, many retail stores, and Hodgkins Industrial Park,
16 which includes the world's largest sorting facility owned by
17 United Parcel Service; and

18 WHEREAS, President Cummings can proudly state that his
19 municipality now has the highest proportion of sales tax
20 revenue in the greater metropolitan Chicago area with
21 \$5,600,000 for 1,700 residents and an assessed valuation of
22 \$275 million; and

1 WHEREAS, President Cummings is the second longest serving
2 village president/mayor in Illinois; he has accomplished this
3 by adhering to the philosophy that the best way to beat an
4 enemy is to make them a friend; and

5 WHEREAS, The economic and social development of Hodgkins
6 during the past 38 years is a direct reflection of the
7 political instincts, creativity, and burning desire of
8 President Cummings to leave the village in a better place than
9 he found it; 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 Noel B. Cummings on his 90th birthday and commend
13 him on 38 successful years as President of the Village of
14 Hodgkins; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to President Cummings as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.