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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Mark Peterson on the occasion of his retirement as City Manager of Normal after 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Peterson began serving the citizens of Normal as Assistant City Manager in 1988; he became City Manager in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Peterson was instrumental in the planning and successful redevelopment of Uptown Normal; he directly supervised the restoration of the Historic Normal Theater as a catalyst for development of the Uptown; under his administration, Normal saw the development of Uptown Circle, including the Children's Discovery Museum and Uptown Station with a new rail platform, waiting area, bus bays for Connect Transit and regional buses, and all related development such as the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center and the Hyatt Place Bloomington/Normal Hotel; and

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WHEREAS, Under Mark Peterson's administration, the Shoppes at College Hills rose from a virtually abandoned indoor shopping mall into a thriving modern retail center, and the Constitution Trail system has grown to almost 50 miles of hard

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1 surfaced trail running through cities of Normal and Bloomington
2 for walking, hiking, jogging, and biking, providing the
3 community with an outstanding linear park for the entire
4 family; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Peterson assisted in helping to create
6 programs and participated in task forces to encourage the
7 success of and retain jobs at the Mitsubishi Motors auto
8 assembly plant in Normal; upon the closing of that facility, he
9 worked tirelessly to ensure its preservation for new jobs,
10 resulting in the purchase of the plant by Rivian Automotive for
11 future vehicle production; and

12 WHEREAS, Mark Peterson has served on the governing boards
13 for a variety of public and community organizations including
14 the MetCom Emergency Communications Center, the
15 Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, the Central
16 Illinois Regional Broadband Network, the Mclean County
17 Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee, the
18 Community Development Corporation, and the BN Advantage
19 Leadership Council, Connect Transit; and

20 WHEREAS, Mark Peterson has overseen a period of tremendous
21 growth in the town of Normal, while maintaining a Triple-A bond
22 rating, serving as independent confirmation of the town's
23 fiscal health and stability; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Mark Peterson on his retirement as City Manager of
4 Normal after 20 years and we wish him the best in all his
5 future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mark Peterson as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.