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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sam Schmitz on the  
4 occasion of his retirement this spring after serving as  
5 President of Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois and the  
6 Wisconsin Stateline Area since January 7, 2008; and

7           WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a  
8 community-based, not-for-profit organization whose mission is  
9 to create opportunities for individuals with barriers to  
10 enhance their lives; and

11           WHEREAS, Goodwill funds job training programs, employment  
12 placement services, and other community-based programs by  
13 selling donated clothing and household items in its 11 retail  
14 stores located in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2016, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois  
16 served 8,153 people; and

17           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz's leadership grew the agency from \$4.4  
18 million in revenue in 2008 to \$17 million today; and

19           WHEREAS, Since taking over, Sam Schmitz expanded a  
20 250-person organization to over 540 employees; and

1           WHEREAS, The corporation is estimated to serve 20,000  
2 people in 2018; and

3           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz helped create the Excel Center in  
4 Illinois under Public Act 100-514 by removing the age limit for  
5 students to obtain a high school diploma; and

6           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz has also served on the Board of  
7 Directors and as Vice-Chairman of the Council of Executives for  
8 Goodwill Industries International; and

9           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz served his community on the Workforce  
10 Connection and Access Services of Northern Illinois, the  
11 Rockford Local Development Corporation, Rockford Human and  
12 Public Services Council boards, and as Co-chair of the Process  
13 and Analysis Team for Transform Rockford; and

14           WHEREAS, Prior to Goodwill, Sam Schmitz was the Executive  
15 Director of the Employers' Coalition on Health in Rockford for  
16 almost 10 years; he spent nearly 20 years with the City of  
17 Rockford as Personnel Director and City Administrator; and

18           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz is a graduate of Western Illinois  
19 University's masters program in geography; and

1           WHEREAS, Sam Schmitz is also a dedicated husband and father  
2 to his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, and three grandsons;  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we,  
6 along with his family, friends, and co-workers, congratulate  
7 Sam Schmitz on the occasion of his retirement, and thank him  
8 for his years of dedicated public service to Goodwill  
9 Industries of Northern Illinois and the State of Illinois; and  
10 be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Sam Schmitz as an expression of our utmost esteem  
13 and respect.