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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bruce Clark on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Kankakee County Clerk after 32  
5 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Bruce Clark began his career as Kankakee County  
7 Clerk in December 1985 and went on to win eight consecutive  
8 elections over a period of three decades; at the time of his  
9 retirement, he was the most senior county clerk in Illinois;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout Bruce Clark's tenure, he administered  
12 over 60 elections in his jurisdiction and participated in the  
13 observation, assistance, and supervision of elections in the  
14 following countries: Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Belarus, Bulgaria,  
15 Afghanistan, Kosovo, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, England, and the  
16 Dominican Republic; and

17 WHEREAS, Bruce Clark has served Illinois on many  
18 committees, including the Illinois State Board of Elections  
19 Advisory Committee, as President of the Illinois Association of  
20 County Clerks and Records (IACCR), and as a member of the  
21 Illinois Government and Public Affairs Task Force on Political  
22 Representation and Alternative Electoral Systems; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2010 and 2017, Bruce Clark was recognized for  
2 promoting voting assistance for people with disabilities by the  
3 Options Center for Independent Living; in 2015, he received the  
4 Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recordors Award and  
5 was named the Illinois County Official of the Year by the  
6 Illinois Association of County Officials (IACO); and in 2018,  
7 he was selected as Citizen of the Year and awarded the Lifetime  
8 Achievement Award for Community Service by The Daily Journal, a  
9 newspaper published in Kankakee, Illinois; and

10           WHEREAS, Bruce Clark's accomplishments and abilities have  
11 been recognized nationally and internationally through his  
12 publications of "Best Practices" papers by The Election Center,  
13 a not-for-profit organization that promotes, preserves, and  
14 improves democracy; in 2015, he received the First Time Voter  
15 Project Award from the International Centre for Parliamentary  
16 Studies (ICPS) at its Ninth Annual Symposium in South Africa;  
17 during his election work, he has also served many international  
18 organizations, including the National Democratic Institute,  
19 the Carter Center, the International Foundation for Electoral  
20 Systems (IFES), and the Organization for Security and  
21 Co-operation in Europe (OSCE); and

22           WHEREAS, Bruce Clark has served on the boards of various  
23 community organizations, such as the Kiwanis Club, St. Paul's

1 Lutheran Church and School, the United Way, the Helen Wheeler  
2 Center, and the Kankakee County Public Building Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, Bruce Clark received his degree in political  
4 science from the University of Kentucky; he resides in  
5 Bourbonnais with his wife and three children, of whom he is  
6 very proud; 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 congratulate Bruce Clark on his retirement from the Kankakee  
10 County Clerk's Office, and we thank him and deeply admire his  
11 many years of public service; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Bruce Clark as an expression of our esteem and  
14 respect.