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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Senator James F. Clayborne Jr. will retire after 23 years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of Illinois and the 57th Senate District; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne was appointed in 1995 to fill the term of Senator Kenneth Hall and was elected to the position in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne graduated from Tennessee State University in 1985 and earned his juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne is a former State's Attorney in St. Clair County and was one of 50 attorneys selected nationwide to participate in the National Law Institute sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne was a founding partner of Clayborne, Sabo and Wagner LLP and was a partner with Hinshaw and Culberson for 23 years; and

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WHEREAS, As a result of his diligent and tireless work and demonstrated ability, Sen. Clayborne serves as Senate Majority Leader, Chairman of the Assignments Committee, and as a member

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1 of both the Energy and Public Utilities and Executive and
2 Insurance Committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne worked to diversify the business
4 climate of Illinois and passed legislation requiring day and
5 temporary labor agencies to collect racial, ethnic, and gender
6 information; and

7 WHEREAS, Evidence of Sen. Clayborne's success as a
8 legislator is evidenced in the opening of the Stan Musial
9 Veterans Memorial Bridge, a project that employed more than
10 3,000 minority workers and included contracts with 117
11 minority-owned businesses from economically disadvantaged
12 areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne is an active participant in
14 numerous civic and community activities, including college
15 tours for students; and

16 WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne has been recognized for his service
17 with numerous awards, including Legislator of the Year from the
18 St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association for the past
19 four years and the Friends of Education Award from the Illinois
20 Association of Regional School Superintendents; and

21 WHEREAS, Sen. Clayborne has earned the respect and

1 admiration of his fellow legislators and will be missed by all;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 extend to State Senator James F. Clayborne Jr. our sincere
6 appreciation for his dedicated service to the State of
7 Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we congratulate him on his well-earned
9 retirement and extend best wishes to him and his family for
10 continued success and happiness in the years to come; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Sen. Clayborne as a symbol of our respect and
14 esteem.