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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rep. Michael McAuliffe on
4 the completion of his 23 years in the Illinois General
5 Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. McAuliffe has been a resident of Chicago for
7 more than 55 years, since his birth in the City of Big
8 Shoulders on December 7, 1963; on the day he was born, head
9 coach George Halas was leading the Chicago Bears, Mayor Richard
10 J. Daley was leading Chicago's City Hall, and Chicago's O'Hare
11 International Airport was finishing its first year as the
12 world's busiest airport; and

13 WHEREAS, As Rep. McAuliffe enjoyed his boyhood, his father,
14 Roger McAuliffe, was elected to the Illinois House of
15 Representatives in 1972 on the old "bullet vote" ballot, a
16 tribute by the McAuliffes' neighbors to Roger's longtime
17 political work organizing and serving as a committeeman in
18 Chicago's 38th Ward; as O'Hare Airport grew as an economic
19 engine, new challenges faced Chicago's far northwest side as a
20 community of neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, Rep. McAuliffe worked with his father's
22 re-election campaigns through the 1970s and 1980s, until his

1 father's tragic death in Wisconsin in July of 1996; the late
2 lawmaker's constituents named Michael to fill the vacancy, and
3 he won election to the seat in his own right in November of
4 that year; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1996 through 2018, Rep. McAuliffe was
6 continuously re-elected by his neighbors and constituents,
7 rising to become one of the deans of the Illinois House; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. McAuliffe's longevity in office was marked by
9 his attention to constituent service, a commitment that grew
10 with the diversity of his district; he was particularly
11 sensitive to issues relating to O'Hare and air quality and
12 noise pollution, which threaten the quality of life of the
13 neighborhood in which he lives and was born; and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. McAuliffe was, and is, a steadfast friend of
15 law enforcement and the men and women who keep our communities
16 safe; he was, and is, a tower of civilian auxiliary achievement
17 in the support of our Illinois police officers; and

18 WHEREAS, During his years in public service, Rep. McAuliffe
19 turned more and more of his attention to issues of health care;
20 he became the lead advocate in the Illinois General Assembly
21 for awareness of issues surrounding Hepatitis C, a scourge
22 afflicting too many undiagnosed Americans; he was also at the

1 forefront of issues involving the availability of testing and
2 treatment for breast cancer, disease screening for newborns,
3 and health/life care for retired U.S. veterans and their
4 families; and

5 WHEREAS, As a friend to all of his colleagues, Rep.
6 McAuliffe became one of the leaders of the House Republican
7 Caucus within the Illinois General Assembly and was appointed
8 to serve as assistant minority leader in the 100th and 101st
9 General Assemblies; he continued to serve as a caucus leader
10 until his retirement; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael McAuliffe supported his family in
12 Illinois politics, starting with his mother, Judy McAuliffe,
13 and his father, Representative Roger McAuliffe; then, as a
14 Representative in his own right, he was supported in turn by
15 his wife, Kim Morreale McAuliffe, and their two children, Conor
16 and Bianca; now it is time for him to return the support they
17 have given him over the years; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Rep. Michael McAuliffe on the completion of his
21 23 years in the Illinois General Assembly, and we wish him a
22 long and happy life with new life challenges and the company of
23 his family; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we remember and thank Rep. McAuliffe for
2 being a friend and advocate for the City of Chicago; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Rep. McAuliffe and his wife Kim Morreale McAuliffe
6 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.