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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Michael T. Carrigan on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as the president of the Illinois  
5 American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial  
6 Organizations (AFL-CIO); and

7           WHEREAS, Michael Carrigan was elected president of the  
8 Illinois AFL-CIO on February 28, 2007 by unanimous decision of  
9 the State Federation Executive Board; during his 19-year tenure  
10 at the AFL-CIO, he served faithfully for 12 years as president  
11 and 7 years as secretary-treasurer; and

12           WHEREAS, Michael Carrigan's visionary approach resulted in  
13 many initiatives and successes for the Illinois AFL-CIO,  
14 including a gradual minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour, the  
15 legalization of cannabis, and a \$45 billion infrastructure  
16 program; and

17           WHEREAS, Michael Carrigan serves on the national AFL-CIO  
18 State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee,  
19 at the behest of the AFL-CIO President; at the regional level,  
20 he served as the chairman of the 12-state AFL-CIO Midwest Labor  
21 Federation Council; at the state level, he is a member of the  
22 Illinois Prevailing Wage Council Executive Board and was

1 appointed in 2005 to serve on the Workers' Compensation  
2 Advisory Board; he has held a number of other labor positions,  
3 including trustee on the NECA-IBEW Health and Welfare Trust  
4 Fund and Pension Fund Boards, chairman of the South-Central  
5 Illinois Telecommunication Council of the IBEW, and president  
6 of the Decatur Building Trades Council; and

7 WHEREAS, Outside of his labor activities, Michael Carrigan  
8 served as co-chair of the Illinois Climate Change Advisory  
9 Group (ICCAG) and the Alliance to Protect the Illinois  
10 Constitution (APIC); he formerly served on the Economic  
11 Development Corporation of Decatur/Macon County, the Macon  
12 County Merit Commission, and the Decatur Celebration Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Prior to his career as a labor activist, Michael  
14 Carrigan was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and  
15 served nearly four terms on the council before being appointed  
16 mayor of Decatur in July of 2008 to serve out the remaining  
17 term of the retiring mayor; he served as business  
18 manager/financial secretary for IBEW Local 146 in Decatur from  
19 1992 to 2000; he was a journeyman wireman in Decatur from 1978  
20 to 1990 before becoming assistant business manager of the  
21 local; he graduated from MacMurray College (Jacksonville) in  
22 1976 with a Bachelor of Science; and

23 WHEREAS, Michael Carrigan built strong relationships with

1 leaders across the great State of Illinois; he is a dedicated  
2 champion of the labor movement in Illinois; he is a vigorous  
3 defender of workers' rights and helped lead monumental efforts  
4 toward important labor legislation with county and State  
5 leaders; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Michael T. Carrigan on the occasion of his  
9 retirement as the president of the AFL-CIO, and we commend his  
10 19-years of service to the AFL-CIO; and be it further

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