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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate James H. "Jim" Norris on
4 the occasion of his retirement as village manager of Hoffman
5 Estates; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Norris was born in Richmond, Missouri to Dr.
7 James D. and Nancy H. Norris on March 8, 1958; he is the oldest
8 of three children; he attended the University of Missouri,
9 Columbia; he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from the
10 University of Missouri in St. Louis in 1980; he earned his
11 Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois
12 University in 1983; he married Irene, and they have been
13 married for over 30 years; together, they have three children,
14 Jimmy, Shannon, and Jennifer; and

15 WHEREAS, Prior to serving the Hoffman Estates community,
16 Jim Norris served as the assistant village manager of Palatine
17 from July of 1983 to January of 1987; he was the assistant
18 village manager of Schaumburg from January of 1987 to October
19 of 1988; he served as the city manager of Gladstone, Missouri
20 from October of 1988 to February of 1998; and

21 WHEREAS, Jim Norris became the village manager of Hoffman
22 Estates in March of 1998; he is the longest-serving village

1 manager in Hoffman Estates' 60-year history; and

2 WHEREAS, Under his tenure, Jim Norris has brought economic
3 development to Hoffman Estates; he was instrumental in the
4 evolution of the Prairie Stone Business Park, including its
5 growth into hospitality, retail, and entertainment uses;
6 additionally, he has been involved in the current preparations
7 to transform the former AT&T headquarters into the mixed-use
8 Bell Works "metroburbs"; he has been a champion for the
9 residents and businesses of Hoffman Estates; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his service to Hoffman Estates, Jim
11 Norris has served as an adjunct professor of public
12 administration at Northern Illinois University; he has also
13 served as an adjunct instructor at Northwestern University in
14 Evanston and Park College in Kansas City; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Norris has served in leadership positions in
16 numerous organizations, including the Northwest Central
17 Dispatch Board of Directors, the Joint Action Water Agency
18 Executive Committee, the Joint Emergency Management Agency,
19 and the Metropolitan Manager's Association; he served on a
20 variety of committees, including the Illinois Municipal League
21 Manager's Committee, the Northern Illinois University Ethics
22 Committee, the Northern Illinois University James M. and Audrey
23 M. Banovetz Fellowship Committee, and the Northern Illinois

1 University MPA Program Board of Advisors; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate James H. "Jim" Norris on the occasion of his
5 retirement, and we recognize his commitment to the community of
6 Hoffman Estates for the past 22 years; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Jim Norris as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.