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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Chuck Nelson on the occasion of his retirement as the Deputy Mayor for the City of Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson has faithfully served the citizens of Aurora in a variety of positions, always seeking new ways to improve the quality of life for the 200,000 residents of the second-largest city in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson's ability to genuinely connect with others, listen with purpose and compassion, and seek problem-solving solutions has served him and the city well in every position that he has held and with every community board or organization that he has served; his uncanny ability to recall details and remember faces and names is unmatched and appreciated by staff and constituents alike; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson is a lifelong Auroran, a proud East Aurora High School Tomcat graduate (Class of 1976), and an avid White Sox and Bears fan; he attended Harper College and Waubensee Community College while working for the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District; and

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1 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson began a distinguished career in
2 public service in 1993 when he was first elected as Fourth Ward
3 Alderman; he was always responsive to his constituents and
4 cared about the entire city; he served three terms as
5 alderman, which concluded in 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson accepted a position as Assistant
7 Chief of Staff for Mayor Tom Weisner in 2006; he held that
8 position until 2015 when he became the Director of
9 Neighborhood Standards for the city; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2017, newly-elected Mayor Richard Irvin asked
11 Chuck Nelson to serve as the City of Aurora's first ever Deputy
12 Mayor, a position he held with distinction until his
13 retirement in December 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson was honored by the Aurora City
15 Council at their committee of the whole meeting on December
16 15, 2020 for his dedication, class, and excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson was awarded the Aurora University
18 George Peters Award in 2005, one of many awards and
19 recognitions he has received over the years; the Peters Award
20 is presented to individuals who strengthen the bond between
21 the university and its hometown and who understand that all of
22 us have an obligation to serve the greater good; and

1 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson also received the Marie Wilkinson
2 Spirit Award for his service to the community; he has served
3 with numerous organizations over the years, including the
4 Presence Mercy Medical Foundation, Family Counseling Service,
5 and Saint Peter Church, where he is still an active member; he
6 also served as the city liaison for the Aurora Veterans
7 Advisory Council after it was re-instated in 2012; he has
8 worked tirelessly to support veterans in the Aurora community;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Chuck Nelson and his wife Karen have been married
11 for more than 40 years; they have two daughters, Katie (Aaron)
12 and Megan (Joel), and five grandchildren, Olivia, Lucy, Henry,
13 George, and Louis; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Aurora Deputy Mayor Chuck Nelson on his
17 retirement, and we thank him for his service and wish him the
18 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Chuck Nelson as a symbol of our respect and
21 esteem.