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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Aviv Ezra on the occasion of
4 his retirement as Consul General of Israel to the Midwest; and

5 WHEREAS, Aviv Ezra was born in Israel to an Israeli
6 diplomat and a teacher in 1972; he served in the Israel Defense
7 Forces, where he achieved the rank of captain; he received his
8 Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from
9 Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, Aviv Ezra joined Israel's Foreign Ministry in
11 1999; he served as the economic and commercial attaché to
12 Cairo, Egypt from 2000 to 2002; he served as the deputy consul
13 general for the Southeastern region of the U.S. at the
14 Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta, Georgia from 2002 to
15 2006; he was appointed as a policy advisor to the director
16 general of the Foreign Ministry in 2006; after serving five
17 years as Israel's liaison to the U.S. Congress, he was
18 appointed as counselor in the Foreign Ministry's North America
19 Division Congressional Affairs Department in 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, Aviv Ezra was appointed as Consul General of
21 Israel to the Midwest based in Chicago in 2016 and was
22 responsible for nine Midwestern states, including Illinois,

1 Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota,
2 South Dakota, and Wisconsin; and

3 WHEREAS, During his five-year tenure, Aviv Ezra oversaw a
4 number of developments in Israeli-United States relations,
5 including Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University joining
6 the University of Illinois in the Discovery Partners Institute
7 (DPI), the implementation of the NATAL Model for trauma
8 resiliency in Bronzeville, the signing of a memorandum of
9 understanding (MOU) between the City of Chicago and the Peres
10 Center for Peace and Innovation in 2019, the launch of a
11 non-stop flight route between Chicago O'Hare Airport and Tel
12 Aviv Ben Gurion in September 2020, the partnership of Mt.
13 Sinai Chicago Hospital and Shamir Medical Center, co-leading
14 the Chicago-Israel Healthtech Summit alongside the digital
15 health hub MATTER and the Sheba Medical Center, and many more
16 too numerous to mention; and

17 WHEREAS, Aviv Ezra is married to Einat, and they have
18 three children; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we recognize Aviv Ezra on his retirement as Consul General of
22 Israel to the Midwest, and we commend him for his years of
23 service to Israel-United States relations; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Aviv Ezra as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.