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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Tim Carpenter on the
4 occasion of his retirement from his longtime position as the
5 Illinois State Director of Council for a Strong America's
6 Illinois office, the only person to serve in that position;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Council for a Strong America consists of three
9 national membership organizations that represent the
10 experience and credibility of respected groups of civic
11 leaders who, through council participation, are dedicated to
12 improving the well-being of children from their earliest years
13 of life; and

14 WHEREAS, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is the oldest of
15 these nonprofit, bipartisan membership organizations,
16 consisting of police chiefs, sheriffs, and prosecutors
17 providing a law enforcement perspective on children's policies
18 that are shown by research to promote public safety; and

19 WHEREAS, Tim Carpenter opened the Illinois office of Fight
20 Crime: Invest in Kids in 1998 and helped it develop, over time,
21 to include nearly 350 law enforcement leaders from every
22 corner of our State; and

1 WHEREAS, Tim Carpenter has long coordinated the successful
2 efforts of these law enforcement leaders in sharing research
3 and experience with policymakers to make the case for greater
4 investments in early care and education, after school
5 programs, juvenile justice priorities, and other vital
6 services for Illinois children and their families; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the years, Tim Carpenter and Fight Crime
8 members have worked with a wide range of strong allies in
9 helping to establish the Illinois Early Learning Council, to
10 create our State's Preschool for All policy, and to enshrine
11 in state statute the Teen REACH after school program, among
12 other policy highlights; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Tim
14 Carpenter has helped to launch and shepherd the Illinois
15 efforts of two other membership groups under the umbrella of
16 Council for a Strong America, to assist in the work of
17 improving children's learning and development, the ReadyNation
18 network of business executives, which provides a workforce
19 development and economic perspective, and the Mission:
20 Readiness organization of retired U.S. military leaders,
21 offering a national security background; and

22 WHEREAS, For 11 years prior to these efforts, Tim

1 Carpenter was demonstrating a commitment to Illinoisans in
2 need through his leadership of the Metropolitan Tenants
3 Organization in Chicago, a nonprofit, citywide coalition
4 devoted to promoting tenants' rights and the availability,
5 affordability, and quality of rental housing in that city; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Tim Carpenter has drawn
7 particular inspiration from the spirit and example of the late
8 Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and has, in turn, likewise
9 inspired countless others to similarly serve fellow
10 Illinoisans in need; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Tim Carpenter on his stellar career of service
14 to children and families statewide, and we extend our sincere
15 best wishes to him for a happy, well-deserved retirement; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Tim Carpenter as an expression of our respect and
19 esteem.