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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Joe Ciaccio on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio was born in Springfield and graduated from Griffin High School in 1969; he graduated from St. Louis University and received his Juris Doctor from the Northern Illinois University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio served as a staff attorney for the Illinois House of Representatives from 1980 to 1983 and as the manager of Government Affairs for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce from 1983 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio served as Vice President and General Counsel for the Illinois Railroad Association; he was elected President of the Illinois Railroad Association in 1999 and is only the third person to head the association; and

WHEREAS, During Joe Ciaccio's leadership at the Illinois Railroad Association, there has been a dramatic and measurable improvement in public safety as realized in fewer fatalities, accidents, and trespassing at railroad crossings due to industry participation with first responders and safety

1 agencies; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio has worked closely with stakeholders
3 throughout the State of Illinois to maintain and develop
4 Illinois' first in nation status on freight rail volumes,
5 including the unparalleled growth of intermodal, and
6 presently, 46% of the nation's cargo comes through the State
7 of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio has represented Illinois to a larger
9 national group of railroad professionals across the United
10 States at conferences, panels, and meetings as a respected
11 leader; and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio has chaired Illinois' "Third House"
13 and has earned the respect of generations of lobbyists,
14 government affairs representatives, legislative staff, and
15 elected officials; and

16 WHEREAS, Joe Ciaccio and his wife, Deborah, have two
17 children, Joseph and Michael, and three grandchildren, Leo,
18 Elizabeth, and Madeleine; 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 congratulate Joe Ciaccio on his retirement and wish him the

1 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Joe Ciaccio as a symbol of our respect and esteem.