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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bill Houlihan on the
4 occasion of his retirement as state director for U.S. Senator
5 Richard Durbin; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan was born and raised in Chicago; he
7 attended elementary and high schools in the south suburbs of
8 Chicago; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Political
9 Science from Eastern Illinois University in 1981, where he
10 served as student body president; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan began his lengthy political career
12 at the tender age of 9 while passing out literature during his
13 father's successful campaign for Illinois State Representative
14 in 1964; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan initially worked as an organizer
16 for the Illinois Education Association in Springfield from
17 1981 to 1983; he then pursued his interest in political
18 science and government; he served as an administrative
19 assistant and the director of the Legislative Services Staff
20 for Illinois Senate President Phil Rock from 1983 to 1993; he
21 then took the position of director of the Springfield office
22 of U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun from 1993 to 1996; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan joined the staff of U.S. Senator
2 Richard Durbin following the senator's successful campaign in
3 1996; he has served as both the downstate director and state
4 director; he brought to the roles his expertise in local,
5 state, and federal government while overseeing the operations
6 of the senator's four district offices; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan is known for his commitment to the
8 Democratic Party and has served the party in a number of
9 capacities; he was elected as chairman of the Sangamon County
10 Democratic Party for three 2-year terms starting in 1988, and
11 he was elected again to this position in 2021; he also served
12 as commissioner of the Springfield Public Building, trustee of
13 the Springfield Sanitary District Trustee, and commissioner of
14 the Springfield Housing Authority; he was elected as
15 committeeman of the 18th District State Central Committee for
16 the Democratic Party of Illinois in March 2014, and he still
17 holds this position; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan is an avid sports fan and enjoys
19 traveling; and

20 WHEREAS, Bill Houlihan resides in Springfield with his
21 wife, Cindy Winans Houlihan; they are the parents of four
22 children, Mariah, Grant, John, and Neil, and the grandparents

1 of six grandchildren; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Bill Houlihan on the occasion of his
5 retirement, and we recognize his commitment to the State of
6 Illinois; and be it further

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