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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Ray Drake on the occasion of  
4 his retirement as vice president of State Government Affairs  
5 for the United Parcel Service; and

6           WHEREAS, Ray Drake was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey; a  
7 Yankees baseball fan since his youth, he developed an early  
8 interest in politics; he earned his Bachelor of Arts in  
9 Political Science from The College of New Jersey, during which  
10 time he began his career with the United Parcel Service (UPS)  
11 as a package handler in 1976; upon graduation, he joined the  
12 management team in the Industrial Engineering Department at  
13 UPS, serving in various assignments at both state and regional  
14 levels; and

15           WHEREAS, Ray Drake spent 35 years in Engineering and  
16 Operations at UPS, 33 of which were in management, before  
17 transitioning to Government Affairs; he is retiring as vice  
18 president of State Government Affairs on March 31, 2022, where  
19 he has been responsible for 21 Midwestern and Northern states,  
20 including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and  
21 Wisconsin; he has served in this capacity for the last 11  
22 years; and

1           WHEREAS, Ray Drake, as a transportation advocate, has made  
2 a number of notable accomplishments in and around the General  
3 Assembly; he developed and helped secure funding for UPS's  
4 Chicagoland Regional College Program, a successful ongoing  
5 public-private partnership program that was recognized by the  
6 Obama White House for UPS's ability to employ thousands of  
7 student workers while assisting them in obtaining college  
8 degrees; he aided in passing legislation designed to create  
9 parity in the tax rates that are paid on differing types of  
10 fuels when used in motor vehicles (Public Act 100-0009); he  
11 assisted in the passing of a bill that granted licensing to  
12 third-party logistics providers, or what are commonly called  
13 3PLs (Public Act 101-0420); and

14           WHEREAS, Ray Drake, when not fulfilling his UPS  
15 obligations, has served and continues to serve in various  
16 civic capacities; he was the past chairman of the Illinois  
17 Chamber of Commerce, where he also served as its vice chairman  
18 and secretary; he is the current chairman of the Illinois  
19 Chamber Foundation Board and serves on the Chicagoland  
20 Chamber's Board of Directors and its Public Policy Committee;  
21 he serves on The Civic Federation's Board of Directors; he  
22 also serves on the IDOT-established Illinois State Freight  
23 Advisory Council, and he was the past chair of the Executive  
24 Steering Committee for the group; his expansive breadth of  
25 knowledge on transportation issues is welcomed and

1 sought-after as a board member of trucking associations in  
2 Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, as well as  
3 with several legislative committees of other state chambers;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Ray Drake, as a resident of St. Charles, gives  
6 back to his community as a board member of CASA (Court  
7 Appointed Special Advocates for Children) of Kane County, an  
8 organization that advocates for the best interests of children  
9 in abuse and neglect cases within the Juvenile Justice System;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ray Drake is married to Mary Beth, and they have  
12 three adult children; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray Drake serves as a role model of hard work,  
14 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
15 Illinois; his absence will not only be felt at UPS but also by  
16 all those outside of UPS and the General Assembly who have had  
17 the opportunity to work alongside him; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we recognize Ray Drake on his retirement as vice president of  
21 UPS State Government Affairs, and we commend him for his 46  
22 years of service to UPS; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we wish Ray Drake and his family the very  
2 best in a long and happy retirement; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Ray Drake as an expression of our esteem and  
5 respect.