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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate LeeArthur "Lee" Crawford  
4 on his retirement as Doorkeeper of the House and to thank him  
5 for his dedicated service to the "People's House"; and

6           WHEREAS, Lee Crawford started his full-time career in the  
7 House on April 1, 1986, overseeing and supervising pages on  
8 the House floor; he distributed a paper copy of every bill and  
9 amendment considered by the House of Representatives,  
10 maintained the official spindle with each bill and amendment,  
11 certified to the House Clerk that official copies were on the  
12 floor prior to the commencement of debate on a legislative  
13 item, and maintained order and organization of the reams of  
14 paper compiled on tables in the rear of the chamber; and

15           WHEREAS, Lee Crawford was elected Doorkeeper of the House  
16 on January 8, 1997 when the House Democratic Caucus regained  
17 the majority in the 90th General Assembly and was re-elected  
18 to that position during the subsequent 12 General Assemblies  
19 before announcing his retirement on May 31, 2022; and

20           WHEREAS, Lee Crawford was in charge of enforcing the House  
21 rules and decorum as doorkeeper and of calming situations on  
22 the floor when, at times, they would become heated; he worked

1 with the Secretary of State Police and the Illinois State  
2 Police to ensure that the House, its members, its staff, and  
3 all guests were safe during legislative sessions; he also  
4 provided for the official entrance of governors and other  
5 distinguished individuals, including President Barack Obama on  
6 February 10, 2016, by calling out, "Mr. Speaker!" as they  
7 sought admittance to the House Chamber; and

8 WHEREAS, Lee Crawford served Speakers Michael J. Madigan,  
9 Lee A. Daniels, and Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Clerks John F.  
10 O'Brien, Anthony D. Rossi, Terrance B. McLennand, Mark E.  
11 Mahoney, Timothy D. Mapes, and John W. Hollman; he also served  
12 with Assistant Clerks Anthony J. Leone Jr. and Bradley S.  
13 Bolin; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition, Lee Crawford served as a pastor at  
15 the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center and the Victory  
16 Temple Church in Springfield and often provided the opening  
17 prayer when the House was in session; he also counseled guest  
18 clergy, including the Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., on the  
19 protocols and traditions of the Illinois House and welcomed  
20 other esteemed guests, such as William Warfield and Secretary  
21 of Defense William Cohen; he provided a listening ear to any  
22 member of the House or staffer who sought his counsel, and his  
23 community service included collecting business clothes to help  
24 financially disadvantaged people dress appropriately for job

1 interviews; and

2 WHEREAS, Lee Crawford has been married for 32 years to  
3 Karen Crawford and, from that union, is the father of three  
4 children, Dr. Sean (Denysha) Crawford, Christopher Crawford,  
5 and Charday Crawford, and the grandfather of Emery, Sean, and  
6 Kynnedi Crawford; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate and thank LeeArthur "Lee" Crawford for his 36  
10 years of dedicated, professional, and selfless service to the  
11 House, its members, its staff, and the public; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Lee Crawford and his family as an expression of  
15 our appreciation, esteem, gratitude, and respect and with our  
16 best wishes for his future success in the next chapter of his  
17 life.