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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Commissioner Peter
4 Silvestri on the occasion of his retirement as commissioner of
5 Cook County; and

6 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri became the youngest member of a
7 school board in the State when he was elected to District 401
8 in 1977 at age 20, beginning his esteemed career of public
9 service; and

10 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri received his bachelor's degree in
11 Political Science from DePaul University and earned his Juris
12 Doctorate from DePaul College of Law; and

13 WHEREAS, After earning his J.D., Peter Silvestri worked
14 for the Illinois Department of Labor, the Illinois Department
15 of Employment Security, and the Secretary of State in multiple
16 roles; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1989, Peter Silvestri was elected president of
18 the Village of Elmwood Park and served in this position for 24
19 years, accomplishing an advanced agenda with conservative
20 spending and tax policies; and

1 WHEREAS, During Peter Silvestri's tenure as president,
2 Elmwood Park experienced record high property values and low
3 crime rates; he increased economic development opportunities,
4 renovated the Civic Center building, and built new parks, a
5 new aquatic center, a new public safety center, and a new
6 library; and

7 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri was elected commissioner of the
8 9th District of Cook County in 1994 and has served in that role
9 since then, representing Elmwood Park, Harwood Heights,
10 Norridge, Park Ridge, River Forest, River Grove, Rosemont,
11 parts of Glenview, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect,
12 Prospect Heights, Schiller Park, unincorporated Maine, Norwood
13 Park Township, and parts of the northwest side of Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, As commissioner, Peter Silvestri serves as
15 chairman of the Zoning and Building Committee, the Building
16 Ordinance Commission, and the Litigation and Forest Preserve
17 District Litigation Subcommittees; he serves as vice-chairman
18 of the Homeland Security and Regional Security Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri sits on additional committees as
20 a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the
21 Forest Preserve District; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to his elected positions, Peter

1 Silvestri also served as director of the West Central
2 Municipal Conference until 2013 and president of the Leyden
3 Norwood Municipal League until 1994; and

4 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri also serves as director of the
5 Italian American Political Coalition and served as a chairman
6 of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Religious Education Board; and

7 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri is a member of the River Grove
8 Moose, the Montclare Elmwood Park Lions, the Elmwood Park
9 Kiwanis, and the St. Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri has supported conservative
11 spending and controlled tax policies and actions, including
12 consistently opposing new taxes and stressing reform before
13 imposing more taxes; and

14 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri supports greater public health
15 access, expanding forest preserves, and greater cooperation
16 between local and county governments; and

17 WHEREAS, Even with his years of success and accomplishment
18 in public service, Peter Silvestri considers his most
19 rewarding role to be that of being father to his son,
20 Christian; and

1 WHEREAS, Peter Silvestri has served Cook County and the
2 communities of the northwest side and northwest suburbs for
3 decades and has brought prosperity, thoughtfulness, and
4 efficacy to the offices in which he served; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri for
8 his decades of public service; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we wish Peter Silvestri the best in his
10 retirement and a bright future, and we thank him for his years
11 of service to Cook County and the State of Illinois; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Peter Silvestri as an expression of our esteem
15 and respect.