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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor our esteemed colleague, State
4 Representative Michael W. Halpin, for his six years as a
5 member of the Illinois House of Representatives and thank him
6 for his dedicated service to our State and the 72nd House
7 District; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin served the 72nd District of Illinois
9 from January 2017 to January 2023, representing the
10 communities of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Andalusia,
11 Edgington, Illinois City, Milan, Oak Grove, Reynolds, Silvis,
12 and Taylor Ridge; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin is originally from Voorheesville, New
14 York; he earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science
15 from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island and was the
16 first in his immediate family to earn a college degree; and

17 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin first came to Illinois in 2002 to
18 join the staff of the late Congressman Lane Evans, who served
19 the 17th Congressional District of Illinois, which includes
20 the Quad Cities area; through his work with Congressman Evans,
21 he fostered relationships and gained knowledge that would help
22 him in his later work as they traveled around the district

1 often to meet with constituents and elected officials; and

2 WHEREAS, After leaving Congressman Evans' office, Rep.
3 Halpin attended the University of Illinois to complete his law
4 degree; during this time, he clerked for former-Chief Justice
5 of the Illinois Supreme Court Rita B. Garman; since then, he
6 has professionally practiced in many areas of law, primarily
7 focusing on labor law and municipal law; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin has built and maintained an excellent
9 reputation within his community and sustained his desire to
10 serve its members; he was appointed public administrator and
11 public guardian of Rock Island in 2013, and he served in this
12 capacity until joining the House of Representatives in 2017;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, Rep. Halpin
15 utilized his position to provide better infrastructure to
16 Illinois, support veterans, provide Illinoisans with more
17 transparency in their government, assist Illinois workers, and
18 respond to constituent needs; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin served as the Illinois representative
20 on the Interstate Passenger Rail Commission for several years,
21 aiming to improve mass transportation and infrastructure in
22 the Midwest by enhancing inter-city rail and developing plans

1 to bring high-speed rail to the region; and

2 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin became a leader in helping and
3 defending workers in Springfield through his chairmanship of
4 the Personnel and Pensions Committee and his service as a
5 member of Governor Pritzker's Job Creation and Economic
6 Opportunity Committee during the 2018 gubernatorial
7 transition; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin believes that caring for constituents
9 and providing them reliable and efficient access to their
10 government is one of the most important responsibilities of
11 any elected official; he and his staff are proud of their
12 efforts to resolve constituent cases, connect them with
13 Illinois agencies, and answer their questions and concerns
14 over the years; they are also happy to have had the opportunity
15 to regularly connect with the community through a number of
16 local events, including Principal for a Day, Fright Night, and
17 an annual holiday lunch service, where they provide and serve
18 food to low-income residents during the holidays; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin's responsiveness to constituents is
20 highlighted by one of his most memorable pieces of
21 legislation, which allows schools to keep undesignated
22 glucagon on hand for students that do not have their
23 prescription available but experience a diabetic emergency; he

1 brought this legislation to the General Assembly in response
2 to an emergency overseen by a local school nurse; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin also devotes his free time to
4 supporting causes about which he is passionate, including
5 service on the Board of Directors for Bridging the Gap: Stand
6 Down For Homeless Veterans; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin has successfully balanced the
8 responsibilities of excellent public service with the personal
9 responsibilities of maintaining and growing a family; he
10 constantly worked to ensure that he always has time set aside
11 to dedicate to his wife, MaryAnn, and his children, Natalie
12 and Will; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Halpin will leave the House of
14 Representatives at the conclusion of the 102nd General
15 Assembly, continuing his service to the people of Western
16 Illinois as Senator for the 36th District; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate and thank Representative Michael Halpin for
20 his years of dedicated service, and we wish him luck in his
21 future endeavors as a state senator; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Halpin as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.