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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Senator Brian Stewart hopes that his personal story proves that anyone can achieve the American dream and that humble beginnings do not preclude success; most importantly, he hopes others see that with hard work, dedication, and integrity, anyone can create their own version of the American Dream here in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart has represented the residents of northwestern Illinois in the General Assembly with distinction for nearly 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart has served with honor in the Senate since December 2018 and in the House of Representatives from October 2013 to December 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart's priorities have always been those of the northwestern Illinois residents he represents, including agriculture, business development with job creation, education, public safety, law enforcement, and veteran issues; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart's primary focus has been putting Illinois in a regulatory and fiscal position to create quality jobs for working families, especially in agriculture and

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1 manufacturing, to help reinvigorate Illinois' ailing economy
2 and to increase state revenue without raising taxes; and

3 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart became a lawmaker to make the State
4 of Illinois a better place to live, intent on bringing state
5 government away from the marble halls of the Capitol and back
6 home to the communities of northwestern Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart has served as spokesperson for the
8 Pensions Committee and as a member of the Agriculture, Energy
9 and Public Utilities, Financial Institutions, Health Care
10 Access and Availability, Judiciary, and Veterans Affairs
11 Committees; and

12 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart served on the Legislative Ethics
13 Commission, which works with the Legislative Inspector General
14 in investigating allegations of misconduct by state lawmakers
15 and staff; and

16 WHEREAS, Born on October 25, 1957, Sen. Stewart is a
17 fifth-generation native of northwest Illinois and graduated
18 from Freeport public schools; and

19 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart served as a military police officer
20 and military police investigator in the U.S. Army; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon completion of his military service, Sen.
2 Stewart returned to Freeport to serve as a deputy for the
3 Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, rising to the rank of
4 sergeant; during this time, he was assigned to a major case
5 squad, which overlapped the nine northwestern-most counties in
6 Illinois, including an area encompassing almost the entire
7 45th Senate District; and

8 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart started a small business at his
9 dining room table; his knack for business enabled him to
10 retire early from law enforcement and develop his company full
11 time; and

12 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart started Stewart & Associates with a
13 single desk and a handful of local customers, building it into
14 a business that offers a wide range of services to companies in
15 all 50 states, Canada, and over 80 countries around the world
16 and employs almost 500 people throughout two dozen business
17 units across America, with most of his business locations
18 being located in Northern Illinois and centered in his
19 hometown of Freeport; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional career, Sen.
21 Stewart has served as an alderman and trustee of the Freeport
22 Township; he has served as a chairman and board member of the
23 Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission; he has also

1 been a member of the Stephenson County ETSB (911) Board, the
2 Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Northwest Illinois
3 Development Alliance; and

4 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart has been involved in many civic
5 organizations, including the United Way of Northwest Illinois
6 where he served as chairman, the FHN Foundation Be Cancer Free
7 Campaign, and the Stephenson County Employees-UAW Local 2261
8 where he served as the charter president; and

9 WHEREAS, Sen. Stewart is a current member of the Freeport
10 Rotary, AMVETS Post 32, and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau;
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12 WHEREAS, In Sen. Stewart's almost 10 years as a lawmaker,
13 he has represented his constituents in Springfield with
14 determination and class; he has earned the respect and
15 admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and

16 WHEREAS, Lawmakers and legislative staff alike know and
17 appreciate Sen. Stewart for his warmth, kindness, wry humor,
18 and quick smile; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
21 Senator Brian Stewart on his retirement from the Illinois

1 General Assembly after a decade of honorable and dedicated
2 service, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Sen. Stewart as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.