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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Commissioner William "Bill" Wright has served as 3 a Commissioner of the Streamwood Park District for 15 years; 4 and

5 WHEREAS, During that time, Commissioner Wright has served 6 in various capacities, including as president, vice-president, 7 ethics officer, and committee chairman; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright is very passionate about finding the right solutions that can bring significant cultural change and make an impact for years to come; he is a man who values community and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright uses his personal relationships with the business community, state legislators, and other local officials and communities to secure funding for or action to improve the community and help others; this includes funding for facilities, parks and playgrounds, social awareness, and educational opportunities to preserve and expand our resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, When Commissioner Wright is not working as a Managing Director or as an Executive Search Consultant for The Overture Group, he donates vast amounts of time and energy to

1 focus on helping to improve the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright supports local youth and public education by serving as the Chairman of School District's U-46 Governing Board for Alignment Collaborative for Education; he is a big proponent of connecting the school district and students with the development of skills and education needed by Illinois-based businesses, and his efforts have positively affected nearly 40,000 students; most recently, his leadership and commitment helped to provide a very successful career exploration event held at the NOW arena for more than 2,700 eighth grade students; and

WHEREAS, Over the last few summers, Commissioner Wright helped establish and routinely volunteered at the Summer Reading in the Parks program, which provided free lunches and early childhood learning activities and materials; the program was immensely successful and is scheduled to return in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright has volunteered as a park district soccer coach and utilizes his skills acquired in college playing for Lindenwood University in St. Louis; for the last few years, he served as the South Elgin High School Junior Varsity soccer coach and has had an impact on both players and families alike; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright's actions led to the creation
- of a free Youth-at-Risk soccer program along with free teen
- 3 programming and events, including basketball, concerts, and
- 4 movies in the park; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright helped develop the Streamwood
- 6 beer festival and Oktoberfest that are well attended, with the
- 7 proceeds earmarked for the park district scholarship program;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright has assisted Santa for more
- 10 than 25 years for the Streamwood Park District, the Village of
- 11 Streamwood, and the Hoffman Estates Historical Sites
- 12 Commission; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright continues to serve as an
- 14 usher for Mass at St. John the Evangelical Catholic Church in
- 15 Streamwood, as he has done for many years; he is very well
- 16 known by the parishioners and assists the Church in any way
- 17 possible when asked; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Closer to home, Commissioner Wright is that
- 19 neighbor on the block who helps keep everyone's driveway clear
- of snow in the winter and has served in various capacities
- 21 helping the Village of Streamwood and surrounding communities;

- 1 and
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Wright's leadership, personality,

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- 3 and actions clearly align with the legacy of the Mike Cassidy
- 4 Community Service Award, which recognizes individuals who are
- 5 doing something good for the community and contributing
- 6 something to the future; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 9 we congratulate Commissioner William "Bill" Wright on
- 10 receiving the Mike Cassidy Community Service Award; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to Commissioner Wright as a symbol of our esteem and
- 14 respect.