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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Arnold Randall on his
4 tenure as general superintendent of the Forest Preserves of
5 Cook County (FPCC); and

6 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall was appointed as
7 general superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County
8 in 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Before his time at the FPCC, General
10 Superintendent Randall served as director of the Office of
11 Civic Engagement at the University of Chicago and commissioner
12 of the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and
13 Development; he also served in numerous roles with the Chicago
14 Park District, including director of legislative and community
15 affairs, director of planning and development, and lakefront
16 area and south east region manager; and

17 WHEREAS, During General Superintendent Randall's tenure,
18 the FPCC made notable strides in becoming a more transparent,
19 accountable, and strategic government agency with an increased
20 focus on restoring and protecting Cook County's most precious
21 natural areas; and

1 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall's key
2 accomplishments include implementing the Next Century
3 Conservation Plan, developing a Natural Resources Master Plan,
4 planning a multi-year Centennial celebration to bring new and
5 diverse audiences to the FPCC, developing and launching
6 strategic plans for camping, recreation, trails, and habitat
7 restoration, creating an independent advisory Conservation and
8 Policy Council comprised of civic and business leaders,
9 supporting the rollback of a moratorium on prescribed burns
10 and restoration work, increasing organizational structure
11 within the FPCC, and the opening of five new campgrounds; and

12 WHEREAS, Under General Superintendent Randall's
13 leadership, the FPCC successfully pursued a tax levy
14 referendum with support from advocates that passed
15 overwhelmingly in 2022, providing more resources for the
16 agency's mission and putting the FPCC on a sustainable fiscal
17 path; and

18 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall oversaw
19 initiatives to promote sustainability, racial equity,
20 inclusion, and diversity within the FPCC and with public
21 outreach and relations; and

22 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall serves on the
23 board of directors of the National Recreation and Park

1 Association and has served as chair of the Chicago Community
2 Development Commission and Chicago Wilderness; he has been
3 active in numerous civic and professional organizations,
4 including the Woodlawn Children's Promise Community, the
5 American Planning Association, and the Illinois Park and
6 Recreation Association; and

7 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall will be the new
8 executive director of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly
9 Foundation, which supports conservation and arts organizations
10 in Chicago and South Carolina; and

11 WHEREAS, General Superintendent Randall served the FPCC as
12 a calm, collaborative, and strategic leader who always looked
13 for ways to advance the mission of the FPCC to protect our
14 natural places and connect more people to nature; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Arnold Randall on his tenure as general
19 superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC);
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Arnold Randall as a symbol of our esteem and

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1 respect.