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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Charles D. Johnson for his
4 33 years of distinguished service to the State of Illinois,
5 Lake County, and the Village of Buffalo Grove, contributing
6 significantly in each capacity to the welfare of the
7 communities he served; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson was admitted to the Illinois bar
9 in 1986; he served the State of Illinois for four years as an
10 assistant state's attorney in Lake County, where he worked in
11 every division of the state's attorney's office, including
12 traffic and misdemeanor, felony review, and lastly in the
13 felony division, where he successfully prosecuted a decades
14 old murder case; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson practiced municipal law for 10
16 years in Lake County and, in that role, engaged with, advised,
17 and mentored many young attorneys, seeking to facilitate their
18 professional growth and success and helping them to establish
19 relationships in the legal community; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson was appointed an associate judge
21 in the 19th Judicial Circuit on January 19, 2005, and he was
22 reappointed in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023, serving on the

1 bench with impeccable professionalism, character, integrity,
2 and compassion for 19 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson has presided in both criminal and
4 civil courtrooms in the 19th Judicial Circuit, adhering to
5 principles of equity, fairness, and common sense; he has
6 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the impartial
7 administration of justice, fostered public trust, and upheld
8 the honor and dignity of the judicial system; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson has also served the judiciary and
10 the legal profession through his work on various judicial
11 committees, including the Court Rules and Forms Committee, the
12 Court Technology Committee, the Electronic Benchbook
13 Committee, and the Judicial Education Committee; he worked on
14 many special assignments, including the establishment of
15 remote court practices during the COVID-19 pandemic and the
16 creation and launch of the Integrated Case Management System
17 for all four justice partners; he was awarded the Criminal
18 Division Award in 2016 and 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson has contributed his time and
20 energy and demonstrated unwavering commitment to the
21 betterment of the legal community over the course of his
22 distinguished career in countless other ways, including by
23 serving as co-editor of the Docket Editorial Board, the

1 official monthly publication of the Lake County Bar
2 Association, supporting and performing in countless events and
3 fundraisers for the Lake County Bar Foundation and other
4 non-profits, and working to enhance equal access to legal
5 services and justice for all; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson has sought to serve as an
7 inspiration and role model for Lake County's youth and to make
8 his communities stronger and more vibrant by mentoring
9 hundreds of students, frequently speaking to classes of high
10 school students, allowing students to shadow him in the
11 courthouse, and reading to primary school students on his
12 lunch break; and

13 WHEREAS, Charles Johnson served the Village of Buffalo
14 Grove in a myriad of capacities over his long career in public
15 service, including as an elected village trustee, as a member
16 of the Plan Commission, as a member of the Appearance
17 Commission, and in several other volunteer capacities,
18 including as a parade announcer for the Buffalo Grove Days
19 Parade; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate and express our gratitude to Charles Johnson
23 for his many years of outstanding service and dedication to

1 the State of Illinois, Lake County, the Village of Buffalo
2 Grove, and all of the residents therein, and we extend our best
3 wishes for his future endeavors; and be it further

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