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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate William E. "Bill" Cogley on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Elgin; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cogley has provided 34 years of exceptional service to the City of Elgin, making him one of the longest-serving department heads in the city's history; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cogley began his legal career with the City of Elgin in 1985; after working in the private sector for five years, he returned to serve the city in 1993, becoming corporation counsel in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cogley served as corporation counsel for the City of Elgin for 26 years; during his tenure, he represented the city in all legal matters and served as counsel to elected and appointed officers, including the mayor, the city council, the city manager, and department heads; over the course of holding this position, he provided legal guidance and counsel to five mayors and nine city managers; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Cogley's commitment to City of Elgin extended beyond legal counsel due to his role evolving to include the duties of chief development officer, a position

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1 through which he played a pivotal role in facilitating
2 annexations and development during a period of rapid city
3 expansion; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Cogley's involvement in numerous annexations
5 and developments, including those west of Randall Road, and
6 projects enhancing the city's downtown, such as the Grand
7 Victoria Casino Riverboat, the Edward Schock Centre of Elgin,
8 and the Central Area TIF District, has left a lasting impact on
9 the City of Elgin's growth and development; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Cogley's legal expertise, institutional
11 knowledge, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the local
12 government and community has left an indelible mark on the
13 City of Elgin, contributing significantly to its success and
14 progress; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
17 William E. "Bill" Cogley on his retirement from the City of
18 Elgin, and we thank him for his outstanding service,
19 leadership, and dedication throughout his 34-year career; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Bill Cogley as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.