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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Shelton Kay on the occasion of being named
4 executive director of the Rockford Regional Health Council;
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WHEREAS, The Rockford Regional Health Council, located
7 within the University of Illinois College of Medicine
8 Rockford, is a 42-year-old nonprofit organization that works
9 to improve community health through data collection and
10 analysis, education, outreach, and advocacy; and

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WHEREAS, Shelton Kay, a 50-year Rockford resident
12 originally from Ohio, succeeded Becky Cook Kendall as the
13 executive director of the Rockford Regional Health Council in
14 December 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Shelton Kay came to the Rockford Regional Health
16 Council with decades of experience in working with vulnerable
17 and underserved populations; and

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WHEREAS, Shelton Kay previously served Crusader Community
19 Health for 30 years, starting as a case manager with its Living
20 with HIV program and Health Care for the Homeless initiative
21 in September 1993 and retiring as vice president of community

1 services in June 2023; and

2 WHEREAS, Prior to serving Crusader Community Health,
3 Shelton Kay worked as a teacher with Rockford Public Schools
4 for 15 years, where he taught dance and was among the
5 district's first teachers of the Creative and Performing Arts
6 (CAPA); and

7 WHEREAS, Shelton Kay has expressed plans to raise
8 awareness about the Rockford Regional Health Council, to
9 conduct the annual Healthy Community Study, to help improve
10 health literacy, especially among local youth, to improve
11 access to primary and oral health care for low-income
12 populations, and to improve individual social and emotional
13 health; and

14 WHEREAS, Shelton Kay's experience in region-wide,
15 community-based collaboration will expand the Rockford
16 Regional Health Council's impact and propel its mission to
17 improve community health through data gathering and analysis,
18 education, outreach, and advocacy; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
21 Shelton Kay on being named executive director of the Rockford
22 Regional Health Council; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Shelton Kay as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.