

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives
3 would like to congratulate our long-time colleague Joel
4 Brunsvold as he retires from his position as State
5 Representative for the 72nd Representative District; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Brunsvold was born on February
7 26, 1942 in Mason City, Iowa; he married Barbara Bashaw in
8 1964 and has two sons, Timothy and Theodore; and

9 WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold graduated from Rock Island High
10 School in 1960; he attended Blackhawk College, Western
11 Illinois University, and Newton College; he received a
12 Bachelor of Arts in 1964 from Augustana College; and

13 WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold taught in the Sherrard Community
14 Unit District 200 from September 1969 until February 1983;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, He was first elected to the Illinois House of
17 Representatives in November of 1982; he has held the
18 positions of Assistant Majority Leader and Democratic Caucus
19 Chairman; during his tenure in the House, he served as
20 chairman of Elementary and Secondary Education committee and
21 as chairman of the Cities and Villages, Constitutional
22 Affairs, and Agricultural and Conservation committees; he
23 also served on the House committees for Environment and
24 Energy, Insurance, Judiciary II, and Registration and
25 Regulation; and he was appointed Vice Chairman to the
26 Governor's Council on Health and Physical Fitness and for the
27 Illinois Prairie State Games; and

28 WHEREAS, Prior to his legislative service, Joel Brunsvold
29 served two terms as mayor of the Village of Milan and was a
30 trustee for the Village; he was also appointed to the
31 Bi-State Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, He is Chairman of the Illinois Legislative
2 Sportsmen's Caucus and the Illinois Democratic Sportsmen's
3 Alliance; in addition, he belongs to the Milan Rotary,
4 Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Brunsvold has received numerous
6 awards including but not limited to being named Outstanding
7 Legislator of the Year by the Illinois State Rifle
8 Association, the Illinois Health Care Association, and the
9 Safari Club International; he has received the Defender of
10 Freedom Award from the National Rifle Association and has
11 also been recognized for his outstanding efforts on behalf of
12 education; he is an honorary member of the Fire Fighters
13 Association; he has received a presidential citation from the
14 Illinois Association of Health and Physical Education, and
15 has the appreciation of the people of Rock Island County for
16 his leadership in providing their enhanced 9-1-1 emergency
17 phone system; and

18 WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure this body has learned
19 that Governor Rod Blagojevich announced the appointment of
20 Joel Brunsvold as the new director of the Department of
21 Natural Resources; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we thank our good friend Joel Brunsvold for his hard work and
25 dedication to the people of the 72nd Representative District
26 and to the State and wish him well in his new position; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Representative Joel Brunsvold as an expression
30 of our respect and esteem.