

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives congratulate Bill Tookey on his retirement
4 from the Addison Park District as Executive Director; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Tookey is a graduate of the University of
6 Illinois and was awarded a Master's Degree from Roosevelt
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tookey has served the Addison Park District
9 and the Addison Community for over 30 years; and

10 WHEREAS, He has received countless awards and recognition
11 for his work with the Park District, including the Robert
12 Artz Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Parks and
13 Recreation Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Tookey's leadership, the Park District
15 and its facilities have expanded from 8 parks on 95 acres to
16 24 parks encompassing 283 acres; with his guidance, park
17 expansion created over 15 full time positions and allowed the
18 park to hire an additional 300 part time employees; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Tookey worked with the General Assembly to
20 develop legislation to build and house the region's special
21 recreation district; and

22 WHEREAS, His commitment to cooperation has led to many
23 successful partnerships with the city, schools and other
24 agencies; his innovative ideas and persistence led to the
25 development of the Joint Gymnasium Project with Army Trail
26 School, resulting in a state of the art gymnasium that both
27 the school and park community will enjoy for years to come;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The recent opening of Links and Tees Golf
30 Facility is testament to his dedication; and

1 WHEREAS, The Park District's work to develop a state of
2 the art fitness center, including an indoor swimming pool, is
3 evidence of Mr. Tookey's ability to address the needs of the
4 residents of Addison; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Tookey's dedication to improving the
6 Addison Community is a source of inspiration to the entire
7 community and to this State; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Bill Tookey for his many years of hard work
11 and dedication to the Addison Park District and wish him well
12 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Bill Tookey and the Addison Park District as an
15 expression of our respect and esteem.