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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Chester R. Albright, a Moose International staff officer since 1985, on his retirement March 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Chester R. Albright has served since June 1999 as Supreme Secretary of the Loyal Order of Moose and Director of Fraternal Operations for Moose International; functions under his jurisdiction included Lodge operations and officer training, Community Service, Family Activities, the Moose Legion and Fellowship degrees, Ritual and Sports, and admissions to Mooseheart and Moosehaven; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albright was appointed when then-Director General Paul J. O'Hollaren appointed him Director of Ritual and Sports in 1985; over the next 13 years in that post, he guided through two major revisions of the Moose Enrollment Ritual and significantly expanded the fraternity's offerings of International Sports tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albright is a member of Mooseheart's Class of 1957; his father had also graduated from Mooseheart, in 1929; Mr. Albright came to Mooseheart with his siblings in 1950 shortly after the death of his mother; he was enrolled into Batavia Lodge 682 in 1959 and immediately became active; he was elected Governor of Batavia Lodge for the first of two terms in 1964, winning the Governor's Diamond Merit Award in 1966; he also served on the Lodge's Ritual staff from 1960 until 1985, winning the International Ritual Competition with Batavia in 1967 and taking the individual title as Prelate that same year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albright earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Aurora University in 1962, earned his living with

1 the trade he learned at Mooseheart, as he owned and operated a  
2 barber shop in Aurora from 1971 to 1985; and

3 WHEREAS, He is a member of Mecca Moose Legion 9, which has  
4 honored him as Past President; in 1999, the Moose Legion  
5 Council honored him with a designation as Past International  
6 President; he is a member of the 150 Division of the 25 Club,  
7 he received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1965, and the  
8 Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1985; he is a past president of the  
9 Mooseheart Alumni Association and a 1993 inductee into the  
10 Mooseheart Sports Hall of Fame; he also served his community  
11 with three terms on the City Council in his hometown of Aurora;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Albright and his wife, Judy, also a Mooseheart  
14 graduate, have two children and three grandchildren;  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate Chester R. Albright on his retirement from the  
19 Loyal Order of the Moose after many years of dedicated service;  
20 and we wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 presented to Chester R. Albright as a token of our respect and  
24 esteem.