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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A retirement celebration is being held in honor of Robert F. Plotzke, Executive Director of Rolling Prairie Library System (RPLS) in Decatur, on June 21, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Plotzke holds a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin, a Master of Library Sciences from Florida State University, and an M.B.A. from East Tennessee State University; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Plotzke joined the Rolling Prairie Library System as Executive Director in October of 1978; since that time he has led the System through two remodeling programs, including taking a former Piggly Wiggly grocery building and transforming it into a modern, state-of-the-art office facility; he has guided Rolling Prairie Library System through many changes in its services as the role of the System has changed to meet the needs of its member libraries and the citizens of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, As more libraries were established within Rolling Prairie Library System's thirteen-county region, he moved the System away from being a provider of materials to a facilitator of resource sharing; he oversaw the development of the delivery system and several automation upgrades, which enabled RPLS libraries and their patrons to receive materials from other Rolling Prairie Library System libraries in a timely fashion; he provided leadership when library systems in Illinois were faced with severe funding challenges, enabling the System to continue to provide consulting, training, and leadership to Rolling Prairie Library System libraries; and

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WHEREAS, In addition, Bob provided building construction consulting services to more than 40 public libraries in Illinois, working with library boards, librarians, and

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1 community leaders in planning new buildings, expansions, and  
2 remodeling; and

3 WHEREAS, He served as the President of the Illinois Library  
4 Association in 1986, on the Illinois State Library Advisory  
5 Committee, and as Treasurer of the Illinois Library System  
6 Directors Organization for the past four years; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob and his wife, Suzanne, have been married for  
8 34 years; they have two grown children, Laurel and Michael;  
9 they are active members of East Park Baptist Church in Mt.  
10 Zion; in addition to all of the above activities, Bob has run  
11 in both the New York and Chicago Marathons; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Robert F. Plotzke on the occasion of his  
15 retirement after 27 years of service; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Mr. Plotzke as an expression of our respect and  
18 esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.