



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Leon M. McNair is retiring from the Fox Bend Golf  
3 Course in Oswego after 38 years as its PGA Professional and  
4 Director of Golf; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair was born in Amsterdam, New York, on May  
6 15, 1941, and grew up in Cooperstown, New York; when he was  
7 five years old, his parents took him to experience The  
8 Leatherstocking Golf Course located on Otsego Lake, and he goes  
9 back to that golf course to play in The Cooperstown Senior Open  
10 that benefits the Baseball Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, When he was seven, his family moved to Chicago and  
12 he participated in several sports during his school years; he  
13 graduated from Glenbard West High School in 1960 and attended  
14 Southern Illinois University, where he was a member of the golf  
15 team that won the 1964 NCAA Division II National Championship;  
16 in the summer of 1961, he worked for The Wadsworth Golf Course  
17 Construction Company, beginning a lifelong relationship with  
18 Brent Wadsworth; and

19 WHEREAS, By 1965, the dirt was being moved on the old  
20 Pearse Farm just east of Oswego on Route 34 to make way for the  
21 Fox Bend Golf Course; Mr. McNair was one of the crew that gave  
22 life to what would at first become a nine hole semi-private  
23 golf club; it was also in 1965 that he married his wife,  
24 Carole; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1966, while Mr. McNair was working on his  
26 master's degree in Industrial Recreation, Brent Wadsworth  
27 asked him to come to Fox Bend to be the Head Golf Professional;  
28 the golf course opened June 15, 1967 and, by 1969, it had 18  
29 holes; and

30 WHEREAS, In March 1980, the Oswegoland and Fox Valley Park

1 Districts purchased the Fox Bend Golf Club; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. McNair was a regional qualifier for  
3 the U.S. Open Championship; in 1978, he was a member of the  
4 Illinois PGA Radix Cup Team; in 1986, he qualified for the  
5 National PGA Club Professional Championship; and in 1995, he  
6 was a qualifier for the National PGA Senior Club Professional  
7 Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, He was the recipient of numerous awards; in 1992,  
9 he was named Illinois PGA Professional of the Year and was  
10 recognized as a Top 15 National PGA Merchandiser of the Year in  
11 Public Golf Course category; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair has served on the Illinois PGA  
13 Executive Committee and the National Advisory Board for the  
14 Oldsmobile (now Buick) Scramble, as an Illinois PGA Delegate to  
15 the National PGA Convention, as the Treasurer of the Illinois  
16 PGA, and as President of the Illinois PGA; he presently serves  
17 on the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee, is a  
18 member and the President of the Board of Directors of The First  
19 Tee Aurora Chapter, and serves on the Illinois PGA Foundation  
20 Board; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we congratulate Leon M. McNair on working in a profession he  
24 loved for 38 years and wish him much health and happiness  
25 throughout his retirement; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to Leon M. McNair as an expression of our admiration.