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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dave Krahn, an Oswego Village Board Trustee and founding director of the Oswego Economic Development Corporation Board, has retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krahn served on the Village Board of Trustees from 1993 to 1997 and 1999 to 2005; during his first term, he founded the Oswego Economic Development Corporation (OEDC), which opened for business on March 1, 1996; he served as Chairman of the OEDC Board of Directors from 1996 to 1997 and 2000 to 2004; during his tenure as OEDC Chairman, Oswego became a regional retail destination with the development of Oswego Commons, a 500,000-square-foot shopping center; many national retailers and restaurants have selected sites in Oswego, and several other shopping centers on Route 34 and on Orchard Road are now under construction; and

WHEREAS, Also during his tenure, the redevelopment of downtown Oswego was begun, including the development of a new downtown comprehensive plan; several downtown projects have been completed or are under construction, including Washington Place, the first new commercial building built in Oswego in two decades; the village also saw the build out of its largest business park and the second phase of another business park; several other significant projects were completed during his tenure, including the 112,000-square-foot Anfinzen Assembly facility and the 25,000-square-foot Dreyer Medical Clinic building; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the OEDC launched the Oswego Visitors Bureau, which promotes visitors to the community; last year, AmericInn Lodge & Suites became the second hotel to open in Oswego; Mr. Krahn is still active in the OEDC and currently chairs the OEDC's capital campaign, which is raising funds for the OEDC's new office space in downtown Oswego; he also serves

1 as a member of the Oswego Visitors Bureau Advisory Board; and

2 WHEREAS, He is a lifelong resident of Oswego; he and his
3 wife, Peggy, own Fox Valley Trophy in downtown Oswego; they are
4 both very active in the community; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Dave Krahn on the occasion of his retirement as
8 founding director of the Oswego Economic Development
9 Corporation Board, and we thank him for his service on the
10 Oswego Village Board of Trustees; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Mr. Krahn as an expression of our esteem.