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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate William D. "Bill" Gainer on the occasion of his retirement from AT&T Illinois after more than 47 years of service; and

WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer began his long and distinguished career in 1960, when he joined Illinois Bell Telephone as a lineman; and

WHEREAS, During William D. "Bill" Gainer's career, Illinois Bell became Ameritech, which became SBC and, now, AT&T; and

WHEREAS, Over more than four-and-a-half decades of service, William D. "Bill" Gainer has exhibited the integrity, diligence, intelligence, strength, and commitment that have made him an outstanding example of leadership in his profession; and

WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer worked his way up through the ranks in various positions in Construction, Operations, Installation and Repair, Marketing, Network Coordination and Planning, Business Relations, and Inter-Company Coordination; and

1 WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer's vast knowledge and
2 experience of the company became invaluable as he served as
3 Director of Government Relations, representing the company to
4 the Chicago City Council and the Cook County Board; and

5 WHEREAS, As Director of Government Relations, William D.
6 "Bill" Gainer played an influential role in overseeing many of
7 the biggest events in Chicago that required coordination with
8 the telephone company, including the 1994 World Cup and the
9 1996 Democratic National Convention; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his highly successful career in the
11 telecommunications industry, William D. "Bill" Gainer enjoys a
12 distinguished resume of public service and charitable
13 organizational work; and

14 WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer is the Chair of the
15 Business Development Committee for the Cook County Irish Trade
16 Mission to County Down and County Cork and has worked closely
17 with the Cook County Economic Development Project Director and
18 the Cook County Assessor on many of the County Trade Mission
19 initiatives; and

20 WHEREAS, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed William
21 D. "Bill" Gainer to be the Chair of the Chicago Sister Cities

1 International Program-Galway Committee in 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer serves on the board of
3 directors for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, the Veterans
4 Leadership Program, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the
5 Convention and Tourism Bureau, and the Irish American Alliance;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer is on the Advisory Board
8 for Misericordia Heart of Mercy and the Executive Board of the
9 South Side Irish Parade Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Gainer and his wife, Gerri, are
11 the proud parents of six children, Bridget, Nora, Maureen,
12 Mary, Sheila, and Billy, and grandparents to four
13 grandchildren, Finbar, Lilly, Noreen, and Mary; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate William D. "Bill" Gainer on the occasion of his
18 retirement and extend to this exemplary citizen our very best
19 wishes for continued good health, success, and happiness in the
20 future; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to William D. "Bill" Gainer.