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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ed Smith on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Laborers' International
5 Union of North America after 40 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Ed Smith has been a manager of the Midwest Region
7 since 1994; he began his career in 1968 at the age of 13 when he
8 joined Laborers' Local 773 in Cairo; and

9 WHEREAS, He was elected business manager and
10 secretary-treasurer of the local in 1976, president of the
11 Southern Illinois Laborers' District Council in 1986, business
12 manager in 1990, and served in those positions until 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, He oversaw some 30 successful organizing
14 campaigns, mainly in the public employee sector; in 1996 he was
15 elected Vice President and Assistant to the General President;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ed Smith serves as a model of hard work,
18 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
19 Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Ed Smith on the occasion of his retirement from
3 the Laborers' International Union of North America and wish him
4 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Ed Smith as a symbol of our esteem and respect.