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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ronald Buch,
4 Executive Director of Community Service, on the occasion of his
5 retirement after 32 years of dedicated service at Northwest
6 Community Healthcare in Arlington Heights; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronald Buch began his career at Northwest
8 Community Hospital on October 6, 1975 as a hospital chaplain;
9 on October 27, 1975, he was challenged to establish a pastoral
10 care program and was named Director of Pastoral Care; due to
11 Mr. Buch's leadership, the department grew and prospered; in
12 1984, Mr. Buch became Director of Pastoral Care and Social
13 Services when the two departments merged; and

14 WHEREAS, In January of 1992, Ronald Buch, due to his
15 compassion, was appointed the Director of the new Cancer
16 Services Department; in 1993, he was appointed to the position
17 of Director of Community Services in order to utilize his
18 reflection and understanding of the hospital's mission in the
19 community; in 2007, he was named Executive Director of
20 Community Services; and

21 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of Community
22 Services, Ronald Buch accomplished many beneficial additions

1 to Northwest Community Healthcare's outreach in the community;
2 from 1993 to 2000, he collaborated with the area's social
3 services organizations to support and expand health services
4 for the marginalized in the region; in 1999, he was
5 instrumental in the establishment of the Palatine Opportunity
6 Center; in 2000, he collaborated with the Cook County
7 Department of Public Health to open the Vista Health Clinic; in
8 2003, he initiated the Mobile Dental Clinic; in 2007, the
9 Access Clinic was opened to provide health care for the
10 underprivileged in the area; in 2008, he partnered with the
11 Little City organization to provide increased health care
12 benefits for their developmentally disabled residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Ronald Buch's enthusiastic dedication to his
14 career and community make him a model for the people of the
15 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Ronald Buch on the occasion of his retirement and
19 wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Ronald Buch as a symbol of our esteem and respect.