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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ray Harris on the occasion of his retirement from AFSCME Council 31; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Harris has served as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs of AFSCME Council 31 since June of 1987; and

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WHEREAS, In his more than 20 years as a lobbyist, Ray Harris has not only served the interests of AFSCME members employed by Cook County with dedication, he has become one of the most well-known and well-respected union lobbyists of the Cook County Board; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Harris has served the interests of all the residents of Cook County in his efforts to preserve access to public health care; and

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WHEREAS, A Chicago native, Ray Harris was raised on the West Side of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Harris began his career with AFSCME as an International union organizer in 1985 to work on a campaign to organize Cook County employees; he was then hired by AFSCME

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1 Council 31 as a lobbyist in 1986; and

2 WHEREAS, Prior to his association with AFSCME, Ray Harris
3 worked at International Harvester, beginning on the shop floor
4 in 1970; he became a union steward in 1971, was elected
5 Alternate Committeeman in 1974, and then elected Committeeman
6 in 1979, a position he kept until he left Harvester in 1984;
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8 WHEREAS, Ray Harris has never forgotten that working men
9 and women need a voice; he has spoken just as passionately for
10 their interests in the halls of power in Cook County as he did
11 on the shop floor; and

12 WHEREAS, While Ray Harris, to whom no one is ever a
13 stranger, will be missed by his peers, his retirement will give
14 him more time to devote to his family, especially his beautiful
15 and supportive wife of 39 years, Mimi Harris, and his beloved
16 granddaughter, Rayven Harris; therefore, be it

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

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Ray Harris as a symbol of our esteem and respect.