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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize our esteemed  
4 colleague, State Representative Milton "Milt" Patterson, for  
5 his service and hard work on behalf of the people of the State  
6 of Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Representative Patterson was first elected in  
8 2004 to serve the people of the 32nd Representative District,  
9 which includes portions or all of the Englewood, West  
10 Englewood, Auburn-Gresham, Greater Grand Crossing, and West  
11 Chatham communities on the South Side of Chicago; and

12           WHEREAS, During his time in the House of Representatives,  
13 Milt Patterson fought to protect working families, senior  
14 citizens, and the disabled; he consistently supported  
15 increased funding for the Chicago Public Schools System,  
16 economic development efforts, equal and affordable housing,  
17 and job creation and retention programs; and

18           WHEREAS, Milt Patterson established himself as a leading  
19 voice for the State's elderly population; he helped expand  
20 prescription drug assistance for senior citizens, opposed  
21 efforts to privatize Social Security, and maintained a  
22 constituent service office that was always available to help

1 senior citizens get the help they needed; and

2 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson strongly supported the efforts of  
3 the Hospitality Academy at McCormick Place, which provides  
4 local residents with employment opportunities and thriving  
5 careers in the hospitality industry; and

6 WHEREAS, After experiencing his own health challenges,  
7 Milt Patterson courageously and tirelessly worked to  
8 rehabilitate himself and became a strong advocate for the  
9 rights of the disabled, particularly for those suffering  
10 temporary disabilities as the result of a medical condition;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson previously served as Chief  
13 Electrical Inspector and Deputy Commissioner of the Chicago  
14 Department of Buildings and as the 17th Ward Committeeman; and

15 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson is a certified licensed  
16 electrician, a licensed real estate broker in the State of  
17 Illinois, and serves as an Adult Education Professor at Kennedy  
18 King College; and

19 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson earned a Bachelor of Science degree  
20 from Southern Illinois University, a Master of Public  
21 Administration from the University of Illinois, and holds an

1 Electrical Engineering Degree from Chicago Technical College;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson is a member of the Illinois  
4 Legislative Black Caucus; and

5 WHEREAS, Because of Milt Patterson's efforts, community  
6 organizations in the 32nd Representative District received new  
7 State funding for after school programs, planning and community  
8 development, and welfare-to-work efforts; and

9 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson is deeply committed to helping  
10 those in need in his district; his office donated clothing  
11 items to help fire victims and hosted events to help parents  
12 who were having trouble collecting child support payments; and

13 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson served as Vice-Chairman of the  
14 Computer Technology Committee, and as a member of the  
15 Appropriations-Human Services, Appropriations-Public Safety,  
16 and the Electric Utility Oversight committees; and

17 WHEREAS, Milt Patterson believes in the importance of  
18 inspiring young people to achieve success; he is a strong  
19 supporter of the Young Eagles program, which seeks to encourage  
20 youngsters' interest in aviation by introducing them to  
21 airplanes and taking them on free flights; and

1           WHEREAS, Milt Patterson is admired by his friends, family,  
2           and constituents for his strong work ethic, his dedication to  
3           his community, and his belief that we, as citizens, have a  
4           responsibility to work together for a better future; and

5           WHEREAS, Representative Patterson will be remembered by  
6           the citizens of the 32nd Representative District and the  
7           members of the Illinois House of Representatives as a  
8           thoughtful, hard-working, and civic-minded advocate for  
9           improving the quality of life for all Illinoisans; therefore,  
10          be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12          NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13          congratulate Representative Milton "Milt" Patterson on his  
14          retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives and wish  
15          him the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17          presented to State Representative Milton "Milt" Patterson as a  
18          symbol of our respect and esteem.