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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rockford Alderman
4 Victory Bell on the occasion of his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Victory Bell is a graduate of West High School and
6 is retired from Ameritech; he currently serves as a manager at
7 the Illinois Secretary of State Facility in Rockford; and

8 WHEREAS, Victory Bell was elected to serve as the 5th Ward
9 Alderman on the Rockford City Council in 1971, making him the
10 first African American to be elected as an Alderman in
11 Rockford; in addition, his 37 years of service on the Rockford
12 City Council makes him the longest serving Alderman in the
13 State of Illinois, a testament to his dedication to the
14 citizens of Rockford; and

15 WHEREAS, Victory Bell is a member of the Pilgrim Baptist
16 Church and the NAACP; and

17 WHEREAS, Victory Bell has been included in the Who's Who
18 Among African American Leaders and was selected as one of the
19 most influential leaders in the Rockford area by the Rockford
20 Register-Star; and

1 WHEREAS, Victory Bell and his wife, Carol, have six
2 children and five grandchildren; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Victory Bell on the occasion of his retirement,
6 thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of
7 Rockford and the State of Illinois, and wish him continued
8 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Victory Bell as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.