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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague,
4 State Representative George Scully, for his many years of
5 dedicated service to the people of the 80th District and the
6 State of Illinois; we also wish to congratulate him on his
7 appointment to become a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook
8 County; and

9 WHEREAS, George Scully was first elected to office in
10 November of 1996; he has served with distinction for more than
11 12 years; he has remained mindful of the incredible trust and
12 responsibility placed in him by his constituents to look out
13 for their best interests and those of the people of Illinois;
14 as a man of impeccable integrity, independent thought, and keen
15 intellect, he has brought honor to his office and to this body;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Scully has been the epitome of a
18 scholar and a gentlemen; he has always treated everyone equally
19 and gone out of his way to show particular kindness and
20 appreciation to his legislative staff; always unfailingly
21 professional and polite, he has never hesitated to reach across
22 the aisle to make common cause with colleagues on the other
23 side of the partisan divide; throughout his legislative career,

1 he has conducted himself according to the wise words first
2 articulated by President Harry S. Truman, "It is amazing what
3 you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit"; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Scully has played a key role in
5 helping to pass legislation to improve the lives of his fellow
6 Illinoisans, including measures to increase the minimum wage,
7 expand health care access to the uninsured, revise the State's
8 telecommunications laws, modernize the workers' compensation
9 system, create incentives for economic development, improve
10 schools, increase public safety, and strengthen ethics and
11 elections statutes; and

12 WHEREAS, In the 95th General Assembly, Representative
13 Scully served as the Chairman of the Electric Utility Oversight
14 Committee; in that capacity, he helped to shepherd to passage
15 legislation to roll back State-wide electric rate increases, to
16 provide rebates to consumers, and to implement significant
17 reforms to the State's laws governing power procurement; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Scully has helped to make a
19 difference in the South Suburbs through his volunteer work; his
20 civic participation includes the Chicago Southland Chamber of
21 Commerce, the NAACP South Suburban Chapter, the National
22 Council of Jewish Women, and the League of Women Voters; he has
23 also been the sponsor of numerous youth sport teams; and

1 WHEREAS, For the last 13 years, George Scully has run a
2 successful private law practice, primarily representing
3 financial institutions and small businesses; he is an adjunct
4 professor at Governor's State University, where he teaches
5 business law; he previously worked as the Senior Vice President
6 and General Counsel of both Amalgamated Bank of Chicago and
7 Cole Taylor Bank; and

8 WHEREAS, George Scully is a proud graduate of Brother Rice
9 High School in Chicago, Northern Illinois University, and the
10 John Marshall Law School; and

11 WHEREAS, George Scully and his wife, Barbara, are the proud
12 parents of three daughters, Elizabeth, Christine and Amanda;
13 Barbara has also helped George to operate his law practice and
14 has always been his partner in the fullest sense of that word;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, George Scully is an accomplished marathoner,
17 having traveled as far as Dublin, Ireland to compete and having
18 also qualified and run in the Boston Marathon; he has served as
19 the leader of a prestigious and exclusive running club that ran
20 regularly in Springfield's Washington Park during the early
21 morning hours; club members affectionately referred to
22 Representative Scully as "Sarge" and "the Big Toe"; they were

1 greatly appreciative of his supreme generosity in sharing
2 running gloves and other gear to unprepared runners; they were
3 often mesmerized by his high tech gizmos and running
4 accessories; and

5 WHEREAS, While the members of the Illinois House are sorry
6 that Representative Scully is leaving our ranks, that feeling
7 is greatly tempered by the knowledge that he will continue his
8 exemplary service to the people of Illinois as a jurist;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 wish State Representative George Scully all the best in his
13 future endeavors and congratulate him on his service to the
14 people of the State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to State Representative George Scully as an
17 expression of our deep esteem and respect.