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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Des Plaines Mayor Anthony Arredia on his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Anthony W. Arredia "Tony" has been Mayor of Des Plaines for 10 years, being appointed by the City Council to fulfill the term of the late Paul Jung in January of 2000 and then being elected to 2 subsequent terms; Mayor Arredia will leave office in May of 2009 due to term limits; and

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WHEREAS, During his time as Mayor, he established a successful budgeting plan that not only carried the City of Des Plaines through the 9-11 crisis, but has kept the City financially stable through the latest economic downturn; during his tenure he increased Des Plaines' visibility, influence, and political position within the Northwest Suburbs, Cook County, and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, He served as president of the Northwest Municipal Conference during its 50th anniversary year; he lead the way for the completion of the award winning Levee 50 project and the Riverwalk, saving many homes from damage during flooding; he lead a team of legislators to override the Governor's veto of the Stormwater Bill, establishing the Metropolitan Water

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1 Reclamation District as the authority for stormwater
2 management in Cook County; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition he spearheaded the development of the
4 downtown area and supported a very aggressive Economic
5 Development Plan, including providing support and guidance,
6 culminating in the awarding of the 10th Casino license to
7 Midwest Gaming in Des Plaines; and

8 WHEREAS, He provided leadership for the many all-City
9 annual events run by the Special Events Commission for the
10 benefit of residents and visitors, including the Taste of Des
11 Plaines, the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks, and the
12 non-alcoholic, family-oriented, New Year's Eve celebration; he
13 worked closely with the 1st Lady, Jean Arredia, to establish
14 and administer the 1st Lady's Tea and Luncheon for the benefit
15 of the Des Plaines Community Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Arredia continued, in cooperation with the
17 Des Plaines Ministerial Association, the highly successful
18 annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast for the benefit of the Illinois
19 Burn Camp; he lead the way for the establishment of Des
20 Plaines' highly successful Teen Center; and he became a charter
21 member of the Board of Trustees which launched the Healthy
22 Community Partnership Foundation, now the Des Plaines
23 Community Foundation, to provide help for residents in need of

1 house repairs and aid for the disabled; he began the
2 establishment of cultural relations between Des Plaines and the
3 City of Zuromin, Poland, by hosting visitors from the Public
4 Library of Zuromin and Warsaw; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Arredia has never failed to credit the hard
6 work of both past and current City Councils and the City staff,
7 both management and clerical; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Mayor Anthony "Tony" Arredia on his retirement and
11 wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Mayor Anthony Arredia as a symbol of our respect
15 and esteem.