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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Norman Grimsley on 4 the occasion of his retirement as Mayor of Aroma Park; and

WHEREAS, Norman Grimsley was born on March 3, 1942 in Fairbury; he married Pam on March 8, 1964 in Chatsworth; together, they have two children and four grandchildren; he graduated from Cullom High School and attended college at Kankakee Community College and Normal College (now Illinois State University); and

WHEREAS, Norman Grimsley served in the National Guard, starting in high school; he also served in the United States Army as a dog handler for the Military Police from 1961 to 1965, where he achieved the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Norman Grimsley was elected to serve as Mayor of Aroma Park in 1978 and has been in office for all but four years since; as Mayor, he was responsible for the creation of Aroma Park's sewer, increasing the village's size, and numerous road improvements; during his tenure, the village acquired Riggs Grove in 2004 and began the Lowe Road Project in 2006 and the construction of the River Run subdivision in 2005; the village also began selling water to Aqua in 2000 and began

- 1 implementation of the River Valley Metro Mass Transit District;
- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Norman Grimsley has been a member of numerous
- 4 community organizations; he is a member of the Rotary Club and
- 5 served as the club's President; he is a member of the Elks and
- 6 served as the club's President; he was also the recipient of
- 7 the Elks' citizen of the year award; he is a member of the 911
- 8 and KARMA Boards; he is a past president of the PTA at Kankakee
- 9 High School; he has also served as a volunteer fireman and has
- 10 performed volunteer work for School District 111; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Norman Grimsley serves as a model of hard work,
- integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of 12
- 13 Illinois; therefore, be it
- 14 ΒY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESOLVED, THE ΟF THE
- 15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- congratulate Norman Grimsley on the occasion of his retirement 16
- 17 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
- further 18
- 19 That a suitable copy of this resolution be RESOLVED,
- presented to Norman Grimsley as a symbol of our esteem and 20
- 21 respect.