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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our friend and colleague,  
4 Illinois State Representative Mike Boland, for his service to  
5 the people of the State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Throughout his 30 years as a social studies  
7 teacher, Representative Boland taught thousands of students  
8 about self-government and the importance of active  
9 citizenship; and

10           WHEREAS, During his 16 years in the House, Representative  
11 Boland has been doing what he used to teach about, proposing  
12 and voting on bills to make public policy; his priorities have  
13 been bills to protect the environment, to reform the election  
14 process, to extend health care, and to assist veterans; and

15           WHEREAS, Representative Boland worked on behalf of  
16 environmental and energy-saving legislation throughout his 16  
17 years by sponsoring bills to require all new vehicles purchased  
18 by the State to be hybrids, bio-diesel, or flex-fuel; to  
19 require State facilities to gradually change inefficient light  
20 bulbs to Energy Star and LED lighting; and the Green Buildings  
21 Act; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1998, Rep. Boland and then State Senator Barack  
2 Obama sponsored the Bernadin Amendment to provide universal  
3 health care in Illinois, which did not pass at the time; the  
4 goal of the Bernadin Amendment is closer to attainment due to  
5 passage of President Obama's health care act; and

6           WHEREAS, As former Chairman of the Elections and Campaign  
7 Reform Committee, Representative Boland passed reform  
8 legislation guaranteeing a paper trail in electronic voting to  
9 make votes more secure, and he passed legislation consolidating  
10 most of the local elections to save money for property tax  
11 payers in each election cycle; and

12           WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Higher Education Committee,  
13 Representative Boland has been instrumental in the  
14 construction of a Western Illinois campus in the Quad City  
15 area, the largest metropolitan area in the country without a  
16 four-year public university; and

17           WHEREAS, In his 16 years Representative Boland has earned  
18 35 awards from a wide variety of groups including those  
19 representing farmers, educators, firefighters, mental health  
20 advocates, and veterans; and

21           WHEREAS, Representative Boland has served as a model of  
22 hard work, integrity, and dedication for his constituency and

1 the people of Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 honor our friend and colleague, Illinois State Representative  
5 Mike Boland, for his service and wish him great success and  
6 happiness in the future; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Representative Mike Boland as a symbol of our  
9 esteem and respect.