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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Norbert F. Smith on his retirement as a Village Trustee from the Village of Evergreen Park; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago on September 1, 1938 to Mary and William Smith; he had 2 brothers, Bill and Ed, and a sister, Mary Dee; he spent his early days working in the family gas station, where he learned about hard work and responsibility; and

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WHEREAS, He attended St. Rita High School and established the foundation of his life-long commitment to the Catholic Church; he served in the Illinois National Guard and was honorably discharged in August of 1967; he married Geraldine "Geri" Strehl on May 20, 1970 and they later moved to Evergreen Park; and

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WHEREAS, He worked part-time for the Evergreen Park Police Department beginning in October of 1961 and became a full-time patrolman on January 1, 1963; he served under Mayor Henry Klein and rose through the ranks to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and eventually was appointed the Chief of Police on February 2, 1979 under Mayor Anthony Vacco; he served as

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1 Chief until 1995; in 1997, he was elected Village Trustee and  
2 served 4 consecutive terms until his decision to retire in  
3 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in  
5 Quantico, Virginia; he is one of the original founders and past  
6 President of FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development  
7 Association; he is a Past President of the South Suburban  
8 Police Chiefs Association, a Past President of the Fifth  
9 District Police Chiefs Association, a member of the Illinois  
10 Association of Chiefs of Police, and a member of the  
11 International Association of Chiefs of Police; he holds a  
12 Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters degree in Science from  
13 Chicago State University; and

14 WHEREAS, Norbert Smith has made the decision to retire  
15 after serving the Village of Evergreen Park for over 50 years,  
16 serving under 3 administrations, and always doing his work with  
17 pride and dignity; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Norbert Smith on his retirement and wish him  
21 well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Norbert Smith as a symbol of our respect and  
2 esteem.