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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate our friend, Edward T. Duffy III, on his long career as a staple in the Illinois State Capitol; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy was born on October 23, 1945; his parents are Edward and Dorothy Duffy; he has two siblings, Bill and Patty; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy began his career as a Chicago police officer; he served as an investigator for the intelligence division, specializing in organized crime; he subsequently served as the Chief of the Compliance Office and as the Chief Investigator of the Illinois Dangerous Drugs Commission; he also served as the division's budget administrator; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy was appointed as the Director of the Illinois Department of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (DASA); he was also appointed to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Jim Thompson and served as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Aid; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. Duffy left state government and became Vice-President of the Village of Arlington Park; he

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1 became President of Arlington Park soon after; in 1993, he
2 joined the National Jockey Club and became the organization's
3 CEO; he subsequently worked at the Sportsman's Park Racetrack
4 and the Chicago Motor Speedway, remaining in that position
5 until 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy formed his own consulting firm, Edward
7 T. Duffy Associates, and was appointed Chairman of the Illinois
8 Community College Board; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy served as a Trustee for the Village of
10 Arlington Heights; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy is one of the most beloved and trusted
12 lobbyists in the Illinois State Capitol and has become known
13 for his chief negotiating skills on tough legislative matters;
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15 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy is known in the Capitol for his
16 knowledge on gaming issues and higher education, among others;
17 he has lobbied for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the
18 Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Student
19 Assistance Commission, Hawthorne Racetrack, Casino Queen, and
20 the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, among
21 many other clients; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Duffy joined forces in lobbying with
2 Liz Brown-Reeves, with whom he formed a life-long friendship
3 and partnership; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy has continued to make his family the
5 cornerstone of his life; he married his loving wife, Nancy, in
6 1968; he has five daughters, Colleen Ann (husband, Tim), Meghan
7 Ann (husband, Eric), Kelli Ann, Erin Ann (husband, Brent), and
8 Cara Ann, and six grandchildren, Katelyn Isabella Moulton,
9 Madison Paige Moulton, Braden Duffy Carlson, Bryce Duffy
10 Carlson, Ansley Carlson, and Everleigh Ann Lahman; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Duffy will undoubtedly still be part of the
12 legislative process in Springfield and continue to serve as a
13 source of wisdom and guidance on key legislative issues;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Edward T. Duffy III on a successful career in
18 the Illinois State Capitol and his many contributions to the
19 State of Illinois; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Edward T. Duffy III as a symbol of his
22 contributions to the State of Illinois.