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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Paul N. Hopkins will retire from his position as
3 Chairman of the Board of Farmers Group, Inc. on June 30, 2011;
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WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins has made immeasurable contributions
6 to the growth and success of Farmers by dedicating a career
7 spanning more than 33 years to the Farmers organization, and
8 has made equally important contributions to the Zurich
9 organization since their acquisition of Farmers in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins joined Farmers in 1978 as a Farmers
11 Agent in his home state of Illinois, and subsequently became a
12 Farmers employee, whereupon he quickly assumed various
13 positions of increasing responsibility in the Sales and
14 Marketing area, and in those positions he developed a life-long
15 understanding of the critical importance of enhancing
16 relationships with customers; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins was subsequently appointed to a number
18 of important executive positions within the Farmers
19 organization, including Chief Marketing Officer, Senior Vice
20 President of Strategic Alliances, and Executive Vice
21 President, Market Management; in 2004, he was appointed
22 President of Farmers Group, Inc. and a member of Zurich's Group

1 Management Board (GMB); in 2005, Mr. Hopkins was appointed
2 Chief Executive Officer of Farmers Group, Inc. and a member of
3 the Zurich Group Executive Committee (GEC); and

4 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2009, Mr. Hopkins was named Chairman
5 of the Board of Farmers Group, Inc. and Chief Executive Officer
6 of the Americas for Zurich, responsible for Farmers Group,
7 Inc., Zurich Latin America, and the ZFUS shared services
8 operation; in April 2009, Mr. Hopkins's duties on the Zurich
9 GMB were expanded to include oversight of the Group's global
10 growth activities; since 2010, Mr. Hopkins has served as
11 Zurich's Regional Chairman of the Americas; he has also served
12 as Chairman of the Board of Zurich Holding Company of America
13 (ZHCA), Chairman of Zurich American Insurance Company (ZAIC),
14 and Chairman of the Board of Farmers New World Life Insurance
15 Company; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins has made innumerable important
17 contributions to the growth and success of the Farmers
18 organization; among a long list of accomplishments and
19 achievements are Mr. Hopkins' leadership in re-establishing
20 Farmers as an industry leading, multi-line, multi-channel U.S.
21 insurer marked by the highest rate of business growth compared
22 to its major competitors, and the accomplishment of two major
23 Farmers acquisitions, Bristol West Insurance Company and 21st
24 Century Insurance Company, the successful integration of which

1 has strategically positioned Farmers as the leading and most
2 relevant multi-channel insurer in the U.S.; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to his many business accomplishments,
4 Mr. Hopkins has touched the hearts and minds of many friends,
5 colleagues, and business associates through his inspiring
6 conversations and presentations, his tireless dedication, his
7 unparalleled mentoring skills, and his devotion and affection
8 for agents and employees at all levels; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins' ability to assemble, inspire, and
10 lead an executive team is exemplary and his ability to position
11 and place the right individual in the right job has helped
12 advance the careers of many individuals across the Farmers and
13 Zurich enterprise; another area in which Mr. Hopkins led the
14 way in developing people was the role he played in the
15 enhancement and growth of the award-winning University of
16 Farmers campus, which is recognized as one of the leading
17 corporate universities in the world; 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 Mr. Paul Hopkins for his innumerable important
21 contributions to the growth and success of Farmers and Zurich
22 during his many years of service to those organizations, and
23 for his inspired leadership, good humor, and unwavering

1 dedication and affection for Farmers and Zurich employees; and
2 we offer sincere good wishes to him, his wife, Kay, and his
3 family for many more years of contentment, health, prosperity,
4 and satisfaction in the accomplishments of a distinguished
5 business career; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mr. Paul Hopkins as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.