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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Morris "Mud" Meister on the occasion of his retirement on January 1, 2012, after 37 1/2 years of dedicated service as an Administrative Clerk for the Democratic leadership of the Illinois House of Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister, since June 3, 1974, has faithfully served important roles behind the scenes to keep all legislators and staff well informed about pending legislation, including making all committee packets for House Democratic members; and

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WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister has served under the leadership of Speakers William A. Redmond and Michael J. Madigan and House Democratic Leader Clyde L. Choate; the guidance of Chiefs of Staff Gary LaPaille and Tim Mapes; and the direction of Research and Appropriations Staff Directors Mary Ellen Lynch, Jim Andrews, Bill Foster, Bob Carter, Ralph Nickell, Bill Holland, Veronica Lynch, Tony Rossi, Terri Coombes, and John Lowder; and

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WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister could always be counted upon to help any staff person who made a request, as long as it was

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1 not a request for extra supplies; and

2 WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister was an early champion of
3 fiscal restraint, keeping the supplies cost of the House
4 Democratic Staff low by denying any request from a staff member
5 for more than two pens at any one time with the iron-clad logic
6 of "You only have two hands. Why would you need more than two
7 pens?"; and

8 WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister is fondly known for
9 distributing delicious, homemade fudge around the holiday
10 seasons; and

11 WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister not only showed his
12 dedication to the State by his faithful work at the Illinois
13 Capitol, but also his dedication to the community as a Boy
14 Scout troop leader, and his dedication to his family; his wife,
15 Susan, whom he married on May 13, 1978; his daughter, Katherine
16 Loree, born on November 7, 1981; and his son, Samuel Dains,
17 born on June 16, 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, Morris "Mud" Meister's hard work, integrity, and
19 dedication to both the government and people of the State of
20 Illinois will be fondly remembered by the members of this
21 august body; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Morris "Mud" Meister on the occasion of his
4 retirement, thank him for his many years of dedicated service
5 to the Illinois General Assembly and the people of the State of
6 Illinois, and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Morris "Mud" Meister as a symbol of our respect
10 and esteem.