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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate James E. Mentesti on the
4 occasion of his retirement after 27 years of service to the
5 Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF); and

6 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has been helping business grow in
7 Quincy and Adams County since 1986; he serves as director of
8 the Rural Adams Development Corporation and is a member of the
9 35-county Tri-State Development Steering Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, James Mentesti served as director of development
11 for 11 years at Quincy College and was later administrative
12 manager of Quintron Corporation in Quincy; he graduated from
13 Quincy College with a bachelor of science degree in business
14 management; and

15 WHEREAS, James Mentesti's major accomplishments as GREDF
16 president include: the retention of Knapheide Manufacturing
17 after the flood of 1993, the Teska Study for Downtown
18 Development, the East Broadway Corridor Study, creation of the
19 Tri-State Development Summit, several quality of life
20 initiatives, creation of the Rural Adams Development
21 Corporation, development of the Adams County GIS System,
22 filling the Edward Schneidman Industrial Park, being named the

1 Illinois Development Council Developer of the Year in 1991, and
2 serving as the Illinois Development Council President from
3 1994-1995; and

4 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has worked hard to recruit
5 businesses for his community, such as Blue Cross-Blue Shield,
6 Wis-Pak Bottling Company, Jos. A. Bank, Cullinan Properties,
7 Home Depot, Prince Agri Products, and Fitzpatrick Brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, James Mentesti has had many community leadership
9 roles, serving as charter director of the Community Foundation
10 of the Quincy area, Quincy University Trustee Emeritus,
11 president of the Quincy University Foundation, past president
12 of the Quincy Parks Foundation, board member of the Jackson
13 Lincoln Swimming Complex, past president of the First Tee of
14 Great River, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Quincy, past
15 president of Spring Lake Country Club, board member of the
16 Quincy area Chamber of Commerce, steering committee member of
17 the Salvation Army Kroc Center, and past board member of the
18 Workforce Investment Board of Western Illinois; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate James Mentesti on his service as president to
23 the Great River Economic Development Foundation and his

1 retirement after 27 years with the foundation; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to James Mentesti as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.