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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate William H. Rahn on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Mayor of the Village of Westmont;
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6 WHEREAS, William Rahn was born and raised in Westmont; he
7 earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing and earned
8 masters degrees in special education and administration and
9 counseling from Northern Illinois University; and

10 WHEREAS, William Rahn began his life in public service as
11 the volunteer chairperson for the Westmont Cable Television
12 Committee in the 1980s; as chairperson, he and the other
13 commissioners were successful in negotiating the initial cable
14 contract that brought cable TV service to the community and
15 leveraged the creation of a state-of-the-art television
16 production studio and related services to the Village of
17 Westmont, enabling Westmont to be one of the area leaders in
18 using cable TV to record and playback government meetings; he
19 also served as a chairperson of the Village of Westmont
20 Planning and Zoning Commission and member of several other
21 committees and was an active member of the DuPage Mayor's and
22 Managers Conference; and

1 WHEREAS, William Rahn first ran for elected office in 1983,
2 when he was elected to the position of Village Trustee; after 4
3 terms as Trustee, he was elected to the position of Mayor in
4 1999, where he remained until his retirement; as Mayor, he
5 emphasized fiduciary responsibility and making sure the
6 village government is run efficiently; he has been a strong
7 advocate of expanding community business development,
8 maintaining quality programs and services for the community,
9 and continuing family-friendly community events; and

10 WHEREAS, As Mayor and in his personal life, William Rahn
11 has held close relationships with the Westmont Chamber of
12 Commerce, the Westmont Rotary, the Westmont Lions, the Westmont
13 Special Events Corporation, and the Westmont Historical
14 Society, where he was a charter member; and

15 WHEREAS, William Rahn and his loving wife of 40 years,
16 Jill, have 3 children, Peter, Heidi, and Danika; therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate William H. Rahn on the occasion of his
21 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
22 future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to William Rahn as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.