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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Chuck Balling, Executive Director of the Glenview Park District, on receiving the 2012 Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award; and

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WHEREAS, The Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award is named in honor of Robert Artz, who in 1979, was the newly elected executive director of the Illinois Association of Park Districts; although his life was cut short, his vision for parks, recreation, and conservation lives on; the award is presented to a person whose professionalism, dedication, and commitment have a lasting effect on parks and recreation; and

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WHEREAS, Chuck Balling has spent his career devoted to Illinois parks and recreation; in Gurnee, he was instrumental in open space land acquisitions and development of new facilities including a \$1.5 million renovation to Viking Park Community Center and development of the award winning Hunt Club Aquatic Center; in Glenview, he led the development of Community Park West, a 95-acre multi-use park, which included securing a \$750,000 donation from the Glenview Youth Baseball Association; he negotiated with the Village of Glenview the successful transfer of the 32-acre Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie and Evelyn Tyner Center, a Platinum LEED-certified

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1 nature museum, as well as the 90-acre Gallery Park; and

2 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling has implemented cutting-edge
3 business practices; his strategic planning process, which he
4 has helped other park districts and organizations implement, is
5 a unique collaborative effort; and

6 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling takes pride in mentoring future
7 leaders and emphasizes continuing education and professional
8 involvement; for 35 years he has dedicated himself to parks and
9 recreation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award was
11 presented to Chuck Balling on January 25, 2013, at the
12 All-Conference Awards Luncheon held during the IAPD/IPRA
13 Soaring to New Heights Conference at the Hyatt Regency in
14 Chicago; more than 1,500 representatives and guests of Illinois
15 park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation,
16 and special recreation agencies attended; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Chuck Balling on receiving the 2012 Robert Artz
20 Lifetime Achievement Award; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Chuck Balling as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.