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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize William F. Murphy on
4 the occasion of his retirement as mayor of the Village of
5 Woodridge; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy is the longest serving mayor in
7 DuPage County; he was first elected to the Woodridge Village
8 Board as a trustee in 1973 and served 8 years; in 1981, he was
9 elected mayor and was re-elected 7 more times and will have
10 served 32 years when he steps down on April 30, 2013; his 40
11 years in office have been years of transformation and progress
12 for Woodridge; under his leadership, the population has grown
13 by 46% and the square miles of village territory has doubled;
14 Woodridge has evolved from a bedroom community to a diversified
15 and stable community; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy has been a leader in numerous areas
17 during his time in office; he was instrumental in regional water
18 planning and in bringing Lake Michigan water to DuPage County,
19 creating the DuPage Water Commission, the construction of the
20 North-South Tollway, maintaining the Argonne National
21 Laboratory as a strong national research facility, and
22 ultimately winning the Advance Photon Source; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy has been active in many organizations
2 such as serving twice as president of the DuPage Mayors and
3 Managers Conference, serving as president of the Illinois
4 Municipal League, serving as vice-chair of the Illinois
5 International Port District, serving on the National League of
6 Cities Board of Directors and Advisory Council, and as a member
7 of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy's governing style incorporated input
9 from the community at large; he introduced a community
10 recognition program that every year recognized the most
11 outstanding business, youth, citizen, association, advisory
12 commission member, and public employee; he championed a
13 strategic management process that sought input from the
14 community to identify goals and use them to create goals that
15 are then carried out by staff; he organized an annual community
16 needs survey and implemented a 5-year financial planning
17 process to ensure both the stability of the Village and the
18 ability to achieve the goals identified by the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy helped to create many different ways
20 for those who needed help to obtain it; he started the Pro
21 Logis Fund which provides grants to high schoolers to assist
22 with college costs, aided charitable programs such as Support
23 our Troops, the Woodridge Golden Years program, the Woodridge
24 Community Resource Center, and the Diversity Committee, and he

1 created the Quality Community Task Force to address
2 neighborhood needs; he served as board member on the Community
3 Pantry, sponsored the Robert Shields Memorial fundraiser, and
4 has assisted St. Scholastic Catholic Church in a variety of
5 capacities; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy spent 34 years working for Woodridge
7 School District 68; he previously served as principal within
8 the district and retired in 2004 as the assistant
9 superintendent of personnel; upon his retirement, the
10 Woodridge School was renamed the William F. Murphy School to
11 honor his service to the district and the community; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy has received a number of awards
13 throughout his career such as the Illinois State Board of
14 Education's "Those Who Excel Award of Merit" 1993-94, the
15 ISBE's Certificate of Commendation 1986, the DuPage County
16 State's Attorney's Certificate of Merit 1989, the Woodridge
17 School District Board of Education's Exemplar of Excellence
18 Award 1991, the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in
19 Education, the National Catholic Educational Association
20 Distinguished Graduate Award 1999, the DuPage Mayors and
21 Managers Conference Intergovernmental Cooperation Award 2001 &
22 2002, and the Woodridge Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence
23 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Murphy will be honored at a retirement
2 celebration on April 24, 2013; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Mayor William Murphy on his retirement, thank
6 him for his service to his community, and wish him all the best
7 in his future endeavours; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Mayor Murphy as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.