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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kenneth H.
4 Kessler, mayor of the Village of Mundelein, as he retires from
5 his position as mayor; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Kessler has given 12 years of service to
7 Mundelein; he served as trustee from 1999-2003 and mayor from
8 2005-2013; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Kessler has numerous accomplishments to
10 reflect on during his time in office; his administration
11 eliminated the village vehicle stickers and dog tags, made
12 board meetings available on cable tv and the internet, began to
13 accept credit card payments for city services, quieted the
14 automated train horns and established a real railway quiet
15 zone, began the downtown redevelopment project, maintained an
16 increase in funding for residential street repairs, weathered
17 the economic recession with minimal impact to services and
18 property tax bills, and organized the electrical aggregation
19 program helping residents save significantly on their
20 electricity cost; his administration converted the village to a
21 single waste hauler agreement, increased recycling,
22 reestablished the Human Relations Commission, began several
23 community initiatives including the Craft Beer Festival, the

1 Farmer's Market, and Annual Art Festival, adopted a new zoning
2 ordinance and comprehensive plan, and attracted or retained
3 residential and commercial developments; and

4 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Kessler's administration, the Village
5 of Mundelein has won many awards; most notably they received
6 the 2010 Community Policing Award of the International Chiefs
7 of Police Association for Enhanced Police Response to Victims,
8 the 2009 International Association of Chiefs of
9 Police/Motorola Webber Seavey Award for Quality in Law
10 Enforcement, and the village was the 2008-2009 Illinois
11 Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Challenge
12 Winner; the village received the 2008 IACP/Login, Inc.,
13 Excellence in Victim Services Award, the 2007 International
14 Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement
15 Challenge 3rd place Award, the 2006 Ruth H. Rosengarden Victim
16 Service Provider Award, and the 2005 Illinois Park and
17 Recreation Association/Illinois Association of Park
18 Districts/Mundelein Park District Community Service Award; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Kessler's direction for the Village of
20 Mundelein will not end with his departure; he oversaw the
21 hiring of a new village manager, fire chief, police chief,
22 director of public works, and finance director, and the start
23 of a downtown redevelopment project; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Kessler has worked for Rosalind Franklin
2 University of Medicine and Science since 2007; he is an
3 associate professor of psychology and has lived in Mundelein
4 since 1994; he and his wife, Elizabeth, have 2 sons,
5 Christopher and Andrew; he is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed
6 Merchant Marine Master and has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology
7 from Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical
8 School; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Village of Mundelein Mayor Ken Kessler as he
12 retires from his position, thank him for his service to his
13 community, and wish him all the best with his future
14 endeavours; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Mayor Ken Kessler as an expression of our esteem
17 and respect.