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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate our friend and former  
4 colleague, John Thomas Doody, Jr., on the occasion of his  
5 retirement as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge after many  
6 years of service; and

7           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. was born on January 15, 1945, in  
8 Evergreen Park, and moved to Homewood shortly thereafter; he  
9 graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in 1962 and earned  
10 his bachelor's degree from Procopius College (now Benedictine  
11 University) in 1966; he pursued his graduate degree studies in  
12 political science at Illinois State University from 1966 to  
13 1968 and at John Marshall Law School in 1974 and worked on his  
14 post-graduate program in political justice studies at  
15 Governors State University from 1998 to 2002; and

16           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. and his wife, Janet, are from  
17 Homewood; they are the parents of Maureen and John and the  
18 grandparents of 2 boys and 2 girls; and

19           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. was a practicing attorney from  
20 1974 to 2002, giving free legal advice for many years to senior  
21 citizens through a program at the Irwin Center in Homewood; and

1           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. has served with distinction in all  
2 three branches of government, having been elected to serve in  
3 his village as president, as well as his township and the  
4 Illinois General Assembly; he has also served his community  
5 through his church (Auxiliary Minister of Communion and  
6 Minister of Care at his parish church, St. Joseph's), civic and  
7 advocacy groups, veterans' organizations, and youth groups;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. served as a Bloom Township Trustee  
10 (1981-1983), a member of the Village of Homewood Plan  
11 Commission (1979-1981), a Village of Homewood Trustee  
12 (1983-1991), the President of the Village of Homewood  
13 (1991-1995), State Representative of the Illinois 37th  
14 District (1995-1997), and Trustee of the Homewood Public  
15 Library District (1997-2002); and

16           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. has served as a board member of  
17 the Illinois Judges Association and a Board Member of the John  
18 Marshall Law School Alumni Association; he has been a speaker  
19 or panelist at numerous DUI seminars (2004-2006) and has been a  
20 faculty member to train judges through the Administrative  
21 Office of the Illinois Courts; he also co-edited the Chicago  
22 Traffic Center Bench Book for Judges; and

23           WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. volunteered to serve his country

1 in the United States Army and is a Vietnam veteran (1968-1970);  
2 he has also been active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the  
3 Homewood Wally Burns Post 8077 as a Past Commander, Past Senior  
4 Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Judge  
5 Advocate, the 16th District VFW Past Commander, and Past Judge  
6 Advocate of the State of Illinois VFW; and

7 WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. has been active in both Homewood  
8 baseball and softball as a sponsor, an umpire, and assistant  
9 coach, as well as an assistant basketball coach for both boys  
10 and girls; he served as director of the South Cook County Girl  
11 Scouts Council; he has served in various leadership positions  
12 of the Rotary Club of Homewood; he was also a former director  
13 of the South Region Visual Arts Guild, a past Chair of the  
14 Board of Trustees of Seton Academy, a past Director of the  
15 Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, and a member of  
16 the Marian Council #3761 Knights of Columbus in Homewood; and

17 WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. has additionally served his  
18 community through his good work with Happiday Centers (South  
19 Star Services), Haymarket House, Homewood Chamber of Commerce,  
20 Abby Foundation, Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters,  
21 Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Homewood-Flossmoor-Glenwood  
22 Jaycees, and the Homewood Historical Society; and

23 WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. was inaugurated to the Village of

1 Homewood Hall of Fame in 2007; he has also been honored with  
2 awards from many organizations, including the Dianne G. Masters  
3 Award from the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, the Homewood  
4 Police Department Appreciation Award, the Homewood-Flossmoor  
5 Lion's Club Distinguished Service Award, the Illinois  
6 Benedictine College (Benedictine University) Bronze Award, and  
7 awards from the Illinois and Northeast Region Jaycees; and

8 WHEREAS, John Doody, Jr. served as a Cook County Circuit  
9 Court Judge from 2002 until his retirement this year; he served  
10 with distinction in both traffic court and criminal court; and

11 WHEREAS, In an effort to better serve the public, John  
12 Doody, Jr. produced educational cable television programs on  
13 traffic law violations and their consequences; he also learned  
14 Spanish to communicate with people who came before him without  
15 needing an interpreter; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate our former colleague, John Thomas Doody, Jr.,  
19 on the occasion of his retirement from the bench, and wish him  
20 many more years of health, happiness, and good service to his  
21 community; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to John Doody, Jr. as an expression of our deepest  
2 gratitude for his many years of public service.