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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives have learned that Jimmy M. Lago, one of our State's longest serving social service leaders, is retiring from a distinguished career that benefitted people in every region of this State; and

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WHEREAS, The career of Jimmy Lago carved a unique niche in that he worked for more than 40 years to advance the programs and policies of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, Catholic Charities, and the Archdiocese of Chicago as a lay person; and

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WHEREAS, His rise through the ranks of church positions and responsibilities saw him named Chancellor in 2000, a post never previously held by someone outside the clergy; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Lago always spoke with a conviction and eloquence that embraced the importance of the position and demonstrated a keen understanding of the role he played in maintaining quality social services in the State; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Lago's expertise was recognized by many organizations, including the John Howard Association, the SOS Children's Village, TASC, and numerous gubernatorial and mayoral boards, commissions, and task forces; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jimmy Lago's service earned him numerous honors,
2 including the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the
3 Great from Pope Benedict XVI, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice
4 Medal, the John Courtney Murray Award from the DePaul Law
5 School, the University of Illinois' City Partner Award, and
6 many other accolades; and

7 WHEREAS, Along with more than 40 years of service to
8 children and the church, Jimmy Lago is the husband of Maria and
9 the father of twin sons, Colin and Adrian; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Jimmy M. Lago for his career and
13 accomplishments and on behalf of the people of the State and
14 declare that Illinois is a better place as a result of his
15 work; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Jimmy Lago as a symbol of our esteem and respect.