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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Greg Bott on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the
5 Plainfield Park District; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Bott earned degrees in recreation and
7 physical education from North Central College; he worked in
8 park maintenance at the Naperville Park District before joining
9 the Plainfield Park District in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, Greg Bott was promoted to Superintendent of Parks
11 of the Plainfield Park District in 1983; he faithfully served
12 the Plainfield Park District as Executive Director for 28
13 years, from September of 1985 to June of 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, When Greg Bott's directorship began in 1985, the
15 Plainfield Park District had 5 employees, 5 park sites, and
16 served 15,000 residents with an annual budget of \$340,000;
17 today, the park district is comprised of more than 1,500 acres,
18 over 80 parks, including several building sites, and serves
19 more than 100,000 residents with 250 employees and a \$11.2
20 million budget; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Director Bott's leadership, the Park

1 District received nearly \$7.5 million in grant funding for
2 projects for community parks such as Van Horn Woods, Renwick
3 Community Park, River Edge, Eaton Preserve, Mather Woods,
4 Electric Park, Norman Greenway, Northwest Community Park, Clow
5 Stephens, Village Green, and portions of the DuPage River
6 Trail; and

7 WHEREAS, During Director Bott's tenure, the district has
8 evolved to meet numerous challenges, including a natural
9 disaster in 1990, rapid population growth, limited resources,
10 and tough financial conditions, including tax caps; and

11 WHEREAS, Under Director Bott's leadership, despite the
12 financial challenges of declining tax rates for 2 decades, the
13 district has demonstrated positive financial performance with
14 well-managed budgets, maintained reserves, a moderate debt
15 burden, and the rise of the district's bond rating three grades
16 to an AA rating by Standard and Poor's Rating Services;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we commend Greg Bott for his many years of dedicated service,
21 congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him success and
22 happiness in the future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Greg Bott as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.