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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to congratulate Gordon M. Walker on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of
5 Pekin Insurance in Pekin; and

6 WHEREAS, Gordon Walker was born on April 6, 1948; his
7 parents are Oscar E. and Margaret Davis Walker; he married
8 Carol J. Meints on December 1, 1973; they currently reside in
9 Groveland; he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from
10 Jacksonville College in Jacksonville in 1970; and

11 WHEREAS, Gordon Walker began his career with Pekin
12 Insurance in 1970 as an assistant bond manager in the Surety
13 and Fidelity Bond Department; in 1972, he transferred to
14 Indiana as a field trainee and later worked as a field manager
15 in Effingham and Cedar Rapids, Iowa; in July of 1984, he was
16 transferred to the Home Office to work as a property/casualty
17 marketing coordinator; in 1985, he was promoted to Staff
18 Management status and was named a sales manager; in January of
19 1998, he was promoted to vice president of sales; in 2003, he
20 was elected senior vice president of all Pekin Insurance
21 companies and chief operating officer of the property/casualty
22 companies; in 2006, he was promoted to president and chief
23 operating officer of the property/casualty companies; he has

1 served as a member of the Board of Directors since 2005; in
2 March of 2008, he was elected Chief Executive Officer and
3 Chairman of the Board of Pekin Insurance; and

4 WHEREAS, Gordon Walker retired as Chief Executive Officer
5 of Pekin Insurance on February 11, 2014, but will remain as
6 Chairman of the Board of Directors until February of 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, Gordon Walker has been a strong supporter of the
8 insurance industry and has been actively involved with numerous
9 insurance organizations, including the Professional
10 Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois and the Illinois
11 Insurance Association; pursuing professionalism in his career,
12 he earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter
13 professional designation in 1995; and

14 WHEREAS, Gordon Walker has always held great interest in
15 community life; he is currently serving on the Board of
16 Directors of Herget Bank, N.A. and the Pekin Police Foundation;
17 his private generosities and strong devotion to the St. Jude
18 Midwest Affiliate were instrumental in the development of the
19 Pekin Insurance Birdies for St. Jude program; in February of
20 2014, he began lending his energies, expertise, and talents as
21 a member of the St. Jude Board of Directors; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Gordon M. Walker on the occasion of his
3 retirement as Chief Executive Officer of Pekin Insurance and
4 thank him for his nearly 43 years of dedicated service and
5 leadership to the Pekin Insurance companies; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Gordon Walker as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.