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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jeff Kunz on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as the Department of Human Services  
5 Director of Labor Relations; and

6           WHEREAS, Jeff Kunz started his 33-year career with the  
7 Department of Corrections on July 1, 1981 as a Michael Curry  
8 Intern in Labor Relations; in February 1983, he accepted a  
9 promotion to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental  
10 Disabilities as the lead labor relations supervisor; in 1997,  
11 when the Department of Human Services (DHS) was created, he was  
12 promoted to the Assistant Bureau Chief in Labor Relations; in  
13 May 2003, he was promoted to the Labor Relations Director at  
14 DHS; and

15           WHEREAS, Jeff Kunz is the senior member of the State's  
16 master negotiation team and has participated in 10 master  
17 contract negotiations; he has been involved in over 25,000  
18 grievances, 300 arbitrations, 12 State-operated facility  
19 closures, and over 100 Labor Board petitions; he has spent  
20 countless hours in conversations, discussions, arguments,  
21 negotiations, and mediations in an effort to implement the  
22 various programmatic needs of DHS, while at the same time  
23 ensuring that DHS is in compliance with the various collective

1 bargaining agreements and the Illinois State Labor Relations  
2 Act; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeff Kunz has been an invaluable member of the DHS  
4 Administrative Team who has been relied upon continuously and  
5 extensively for his knowledge and skill; he is appreciated,  
6 admired, and respected for his dedication to DHS and service to  
7 the citizens of Illinois; he will be missed not only as a  
8 co-worker but as a friend; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeff Kunz's first day on the job was in labor  
10 relations, and his last day on the job, March 31, 2014, will be  
11 in labor relations; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Jeff Kunz on his retirement as the Department  
15 of Human Services Director of Labor Relations and wish him the  
16 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Jeff Kunz as an expression of our esteem and  
19 respect.