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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate J. Maichle "Mike" Bacon on  
4 his retirement as Public Health Administrator of the Winnebago  
5 County Health Department; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon has dedicated his exceptional 43-year  
7 professional career to the integration of personal health care  
8 and community-based preventive health services for health  
9 improvement, planning, and effective management of preventive  
10 health programs; this includes chronic, infectious and  
11 cardiovascular disease prevention, health promotion,  
12 environmental health, epidemiology, and the interrelatedness  
13 and the application of physical and health sciences in  
14 prevention and population-based health services; and

15           WHEREAS, Since the beginning of his career in 1971, Mr.  
16 Bacon has passionately made strides in improving the local  
17 public health system-particularly in the areas of  
18 environmental health, maternal-child health, infectious  
19 disease prevention and control, emergency preparedness,  
20 management and budgeting; and

21           WHEREAS, Bold actions were taken by Mr. Bacon in  
22 establishing progressive approaches deemed by State and

1 federal authorities as models for others, e.g., a community  
2 health needs assessment and a comprehensive, community-wide  
3 approach to controlling tobacco use by minors; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the innovative, successful programs  
5 developed by Mr. Bacon and the Winnebago County Health  
6 Department earned recognition and prestigious awards,  
7 including the Samuel J. Crumbine Award for the best local food  
8 protection program in the country, the Centers for Disease  
9 Control Outstanding Achievement Award for the breast cancer  
10 education and screening initiative, the Illinois Department of  
11 Public Health (IDPH) Excellence in Community Leadership Award  
12 for the black male health program to target health inequities  
13 and the IDPH Statewide Excellence in Pediatric Care Community  
14 Service Award for providing the clinical care component of a  
15 local refugee program; and

16 WHEREAS, In efforts to address some of the community's most  
17 significant health problems, Mr. Bacon and the Winnebago County  
18 Health Department worked with local partners to develop new  
19 grant-supported initiatives focusing on areas such as  
20 maternal-child health, chronic disease prevention,  
21 school-linked health, public safety, and lead poisoning hazard  
22 remediation; and

23 WHEREAS, In over 30 presentations at State and national

1 professional conferences and more than a dozen publications,  
2 Mr. Bacon shared relevant lessons learned and important  
3 research findings; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon has gracefully made countless  
5 contributions to the modern public health system through his  
6 dedicated involvement in local, regional, State and national  
7 professional and membership organizations and academic  
8 institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon served as President of the Illinois  
10 Public Health Association and was the impetus for a number of  
11 important and successful initiatives including the realignment  
12 of maternal and child health services at IDPH, the development  
13 of a white paper and policy resolution that would implement a  
14 local health protection and health promotion block grant, the  
15 development of key policy recommendations to prevent acts of  
16 violence related to firearms, and the overall strengthening of  
17 IPHA's policy and advocacy efforts to promote and protect the  
18 public's health; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon was one of the founding board members of  
20 the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium, which is one of  
21 the many organizations profoundly grateful for the vision and  
22 impact he has made in advocacy efforts promoting core public  
23 health; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate and honor J. Maichle "Mike" Bacon for being an  
4 outstanding public health professional; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Maichle Bacon as a symbol of our respect and  
7 esteem.