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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Keith O. Brown on
4 the occasion of his retirement from Community Action after 42
5 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Keith Brown dedicated his life to fighting for
7 social and economic justice on behalf of children and families
8 who find themselves in the predicament of poverty; and

9 WHEREAS, Keith Brown has taken the mission of service to
10 heart and often has been involved in a multitude of spheres
11 resolving the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this
12 great nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Keith Brown began his employment with B.C.M.W.
14 Community Services (formerly the Kaskaskia Community Action
15 Agency) in the spring of 1972 as a coordinator for the
16 Neighborhood Youth Corps Program; and

17 WHEREAS, Keith Brown became a planner for B.C.M.W.
18 Community Services and gathered data and developed grant
19 applications for funding at the State and federal levels; and

20 WHEREAS, Keith Brown served as B.C.M.W. Community

1 Services' Deputy Director from 1977 to 1997; and

2 WHEREAS, Keith Brown served as Executive Director of
3 B.C.M.W. Community Services from 1997 until September 5, 2014;
4 under his leadership, the agency fought poverty and uplifted
5 those who live on the margins of our economic system with the
6 following programs and services: the Community Services Block
7 Grant, Head Start, LIHEAP, Weatherization, HOME (Single Family
8 Rehab), HTF (Energy Conservation and Home Repair Program), the
9 Homebuyer Assistance Program, Transitional Housing, Senior
10 Nutrition, OHS Homeless Prevention, and the Emergency Food and
11 Shelter National Board Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Under Keith Brown's leadership as the Executive
13 Director of B.C.M.W. Community Services, he was instrumental in
14 negotiating the purchase of a building for the Golden Age
15 Senior Center in Centralia, which houses the kitchen facilities
16 for the Senior Nutrition Program and the B.C.M.W. Head Start
17 Program, along with the senior congregate meal site; and

18 WHEREAS, Keith Brown has been a member of the Illinois
19 Association of Community Action Agencies' Board of Directors
20 for over 20 years; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we honor Keith O. Brown's 42 years of service to Community
2 Action in Illinois and wish him well on his retirement and his
3 future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Keith Brown as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.