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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chuck Balling on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the
5 Glenview Park District; and

6 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling became Executive Director of the
7 Glenview Park District 9 years ago, and he has spent 40 years
8 in the field of parks, recreation, and conservation; and

9 WHEREAS, The Glenview Park District was founded in 1927; it
10 is one of the largest independent municipal agencies in
11 Illinois, providing quality recreational programs, facilities,
12 and open space; it serves more than 56,000 residents and
13 maintains and operates more than 845 acres with 51 parks and
14 facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling oversaw many of the District's
16 facility improvement projects; he was a strong proponent of
17 environmental and historical initiatives and fostered
18 intergovernmental cooperation; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to Glenview, Chuck Balling has
20 actively served other communities through several of the top
21 park districts in Illinois including Naperville,

1 Homewood-Flossmoor, Elmhurst, and Gurnee; he is past Chairman
2 of the Park District Risk Management Agency and currently
3 serves on the board; he is Past President and current member of
4 the Glenview Noon Rotary Club, Past Co-chair and current member
5 of the Glenview Values Committee, and serves on the Northern
6 Suburban Special Recreation Association Board of Directors;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling received the 1989 Distinguished
9 Alumni Award from Eastern Illinois University's Recreation
10 Department and the 1999 Illinois Park and Recreation
11 Association (IPRA) Professional of the Year Award; in 2011, he
12 received the IPRA Fellow Award, and, in 2012, he received the
13 IPRA Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award; he has written a
14 number of articles for both the Illinois Park and Recreation
15 and the Athletic Business magazines and has been a presenter at
16 their annual conferences; and

17 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling received his Bachelor of Science in
18 Parks and Recreation Administration from Eastern Illinois
19 University in 1975 and a Master of Arts degree from DePaul
20 University in 1998; in retirement, he will be celebrating his
21 25th wedding anniversary with his wife, Marlene, and enjoying
22 Glenview's parks and recreational opportunities with his 3
23 daughters, Anna, Julia, and Allie; and

1 WHEREAS, Chuck Balling's retirement will be official on
2 March 31, 2014; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Chuck Balling on his retirement as Executive
6 Director of the Glenview Park District and wish him the best in
7 all his future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Chuck Balling as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.