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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives is
3 delighted to honor Michael Zahn on the occasion of his
4 retirement as Business Manager of the International Union of
5 Operating Engineers Local 965; and

6 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn followed in the footsteps of his father
7 and joined Local 965 in 1974; he spent nearly 30 years with
8 Local 965, eventually becoming the business manager for the
9 union; and

10 WHEREAS, Local 965 serves the operating engineers of 15
11 counties in central Illinois, including Adams, Brown, Cass,
12 Christian, De Witt, Logan, Macon, Menard, Morgan, Piatt, Pike,
13 Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, and Shelby Counties; and

14 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn has been a dedicated public servant for
15 his entire career, serving as Chairman of the Illinois State
16 Council and a member of the Greater Springfield Chamber of
17 Commerce Diversity Development Council; and

18 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn is active in the Springfield-based Faith
19 Coalition for the Common Good, whose mission is to unite
20 congregations with other community organizations, identify
21 common issues of concern in central Illinois, educate

1 themselves and others about those issues, and work together for
2 systemic change that will advance their shared values; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn helped in the creation of Rochester
4 Community Park in Rochester and organized the operating
5 engineers who volunteered their time for all the site work at
6 Southwind Park in Springfield; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn has been a strong advocate for improving
8 infrastructure in the State of Illinois, often traveling to
9 Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers to discuss the
10 importance of infrastructure to Illinois' economy; and

11 WHEREAS, Mike Zahn's leadership in Local 965 is widely
12 respected across both sides of the political aisle and has been
13 known to work with Republicans and Democrats on the issues that
14 matter most to his union; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Michael Zahn for all his years of service to the
18 people of central Illinois and wish him a wonderful retirement;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Mike Zahn as a symbol of our esteem and respect.