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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate J.D. Flood on the occasion  
4 of his retirement and thank him for his many years of service  
5 to the Grundy County community; and

6           WHEREAS, On October 2, 2015, J.D. Flood will officially  
7 retire from his position as Grundy County Public Defender, a  
8 job he has held for more than 30 years; and

9           WHEREAS, J.D. Flood was named public defender in April of  
10 1985; during those years of service, he has made a positive  
11 difference to the people he has represented; and

12           WHEREAS, Public defender was not the first role J.D. Flood  
13 held in the Grundy County court system; he started out at the  
14 opposing table as a member of the State's Attorney's office for  
15 3 and a half years in the late 1970s; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1980, J.D. Flood decided to leave the State's  
17 Attorney's office and join the law firm of Hynds and Rooks; and

18           WHEREAS, J.D. Flood started to envision what he wanted to  
19 do with his career and considered himself much more the lone  
20 wolf than a firm lawyer; he decided to start his own law

1 office, which he opened in July of 1983; and

2 WHEREAS, After opening his own law office, J.D. Flood was  
3 offered and accepted the position of Grundy County Public  
4 Defender, then a part-time job that involved working only one  
5 morning a week as there were not many people in the court  
6 system in need of a public defender; and

7 WHEREAS, As the years passed, the role grew, and after a  
8 decade in the office, J.D. Flood found himself working  
9 full-time, defending more than 300 felony charges a year; and

10 WHEREAS, J.D. Flood is retiring the same day he turns 64,  
11 but he doesn't plan to leave the courthouse completely; he will  
12 stay on to help with the drug court, a specialty court he  
13 helped create; and

14 WHEREAS, The Grundy County Drug Court started late in 2007  
15 with the purpose of helping offenders return to the community  
16 as productive members; J.D. Flood considers this initiative one  
17 of his proudest involvements; and

18 WHEREAS, J.D. Flood is a true believer and a moving force  
19 in making the drug court work; his heart is always in it and he  
20 has invested himself in helping participants turn themselves  
21 around; and

1           WHEREAS, It will be nearly impossible to replace J.D.  
2 Flood; he always has compassion for the clients as well as the  
3 victims; he serves as an example of a hardworking, passionate,  
4 and dedicated member of the Grundy community; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 thank J.D. Flood for his many years of service, congratulate  
8 him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him all the  
9 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to J.D. Flood as an expression of our congratulations  
12 and appreciation for a job well done.