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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ted A. Beattie, Shedd Aquarium President/CEO is
3 retiring after more than 2 decades of leadership of one of the
4 world's most-respected animal care, conservation, and
5 education organizations, bringing to close a 35-year legacy of
6 commitment and dedication to the advancement of conservation
7 and education for animals and ecosystems; and

8 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie has made Shedd Aquarium a premier
9 cultural and educational institution; his efforts have made
10 Shedd Aquarium Chicago's top-attended paid cultural attraction
11 for 17 of the last 21 years, welcoming more than 33 million
12 guests; the creation of Shedd's Teen Learning Lab, a free,
13 collaborative space for teens to develop critical-thinking
14 skills while exploring environmental interests, has opened up
15 the world of science to thousands of Chicago youth; and

16 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie has been a transformative, visionary
17 leader passionately dedicated to Shedd's mission; through his
18 collaborative management style, his strong focus on financial
19 stability, and his unwavering commitment to provide
20 best-in-class animal care, conservation, and educational
21 initiatives, he has made Shedd Aquarium the outstanding
22 organization it is today; and

1 WHEREAS, Since joining Shedd in January 1994 as the third
2 President/CEO in the aquarium's history, his many
3 accomplishments have included: the development and opening of 6
4 permanent exhibits, the second expansion in aquarium history
5 with the \$47 million addition of Wild Reef in 2003 and the \$79
6 million re-imagination of Shedd's Abbott Oceanarium marine
7 mammal pavilion in 2009 being 2 of the most notable, and 8
8 special exhibits, including the newest one, Amphibians, which
9 opened this May; and

10 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie has been an innovative leader who has
11 broadened the scope and reach of Shedd Aquarium; his
12 achievements include the establishment of the Daniel P.
13 Haerther Center for Conservation and Research, which has grown
14 to include a portfolio of 18 global field research programs
15 that span that world, the addition of Shedd's onsite animal
16 hospital and lab facilities within the A. Watson Armour III
17 Center for Aquatic Animal Health and Welfare, and a visionary
18 Master Energy Road Map designed to cut the aquarium's energy
19 consumption in half by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie served via presidential appointment
21 in 2001 to the 16-member U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, where
22 he helped craft recommendations on a range of issues, from
23 stewardship of marine resources and pollution prevention to
24 enhancing and supporting marine science, commerce, and

1 transportation; the report was presented to President George W.
2 Bush and Congress in late summer 2004, establishing the
3 prominent role aquariums play in ocean education and Great
4 Lakes issues; and

5 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie has many civic contributions, most
6 notably his leadership in the development and transformation of
7 the Museum Campus - the 57-acre addition to Grant Park's
8 southeastern end, which is the epicenter for cultural
9 exploration and natural science discovery along Chicago's
10 lakefront; and

11 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie served as Director for both the
12 Knoxville Zoo and Fort Worth Zoo and as Associate Director for
13 the Chicago Zoological Society's Brookfield Zoo and was the
14 first Marketing and Development Director for the Cincinnati Zoo
15 and Botanical Garden; he also served as President of the
16 6,500-member Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), of which
17 Shedd is accredited, and successfully chaired its \$5 million
18 conservation endowment campaign; and

19 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie is the recipient of AZA's R. Marlin
20 Perkins Award for Professional Excellence - the profession's
21 highest award for professional excellence; his national
22 leadership has also included 15 years of teaching management
23 courses as part of AZA's professional management schools and,

1 most recently, the creation of AZA's Executive Leadership
2 Development Program in 2014 to prepare the next generation of
3 executive leaders to successfully advance the zoo and aquarium
4 community for the future; and

5 WHEREAS, Ted Beattie received an undergraduate degree in
6 journalism in 1971 and a master's degree in public relations in
7 1972 from Ohio State University (OSU); he served as Chairman of
8 its Alumni Association's Board of Directors from 2003 to 2005
9 in addition to a 5-year term as a member of the board; he also
10 served on the Provost's External Advisory Board on Teaching,
11 the Advisory Board for the School of Journalism and
12 Communication, and the OSU Chicago Major Gifts Committee; he
13 received the School of Communications Distinguished Alumni
14 Award in 2007 and was also honored with the University's
15 Distinguished Service Award - the highest service award given
16 by the university; currently, he serves as the Chicago Captain
17 and Chairman for the university's \$2.5 billion fundraising
18 campaign currently underway, "But for Ohio State"; and

19 WHEREAS, The next chapter in Ted Beattie's career will
20 include his passion for teaching, the advancement of non-profit
21 management, and the continued development of the Penny Beattie
22 Leadership Fund - a professional development scholarship
23 program established in honor of his late wife that provides
24 funding support for Shedd and other zoo and aquarium staff

1 across the nation to participate in leadership growth
2 opportunities; 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 Ted A. Beattie on his retirement as Shedd Aquarium
6 President/CEO after over 2 decades of service, and we wish him
7 the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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