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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate and celebrate 19th Circuit Court Judge John T. Phillips on the occasion of his retirement on January 25, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips will retire to pursue other interests after serving the 19th Circuit Court for more than 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips graduated from Coe College in 1969 and the University of Iowa College of Law in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips served in the United States Air Force before entering private practice in Grayslake, where he became a partner in the firm of Churchill, Baumgartner, and Phillips, Ltd.; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips was appointed to serve as an Associate Judge in 1993; he was subsequently elected to serve as Circuit Judge in 2006 and as Chief Judge in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips has served in every division of the circuit, but is best known for presiding over the Treatment Courts from 2005 until 2014, which include Drug

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1 Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court; he also  
2 continues to serve on the Special Supreme Court Advisory  
3 Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning of the  
4 Illinois Supreme Court; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips has said that you will know  
6 when it's your time to go and he believes that time has come  
7 for him; his knowledge, wisdom, trial expertise, and management  
8 skills will be difficult to replace and he will truly be  
9 missed; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 thank and congratulate 19th Circuit Court Judge John T.  
13 Phillips for his many years of service and wish him all the  
14 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Judge John Phillips as an expression of our  
17 congratulations and appreciation for a job well done.