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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Edward Anton Karasek on
4 the occasion of his retirement from the Berwyn Park District
5 Board of Commissioners after 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek has been an elected member of the
7 Board since March of 1966; and

8 WHEREAS, Over his 50 years of service to the District,
9 Edward Karasek has served as Board President twice and
10 currently serves as Board Secretary, a position he has held for
11 many years; he currently serves as Chairman of the Finance
12 Committee and is a member of the Building and Grounds
13 committee; he previously served as the voting delegate for the
14 former Suburban Risk Management Agency and subsequently the
15 Park District Risk Management Agency; he attended the Illinois
16 Association of Park Districts annual conference and the
17 Legislative Conference, where he utilized his experience and
18 personal relationships developed over the years with
19 legislators to support park district and recreation
20 initiatives; and

21 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek volunteers with the Proksa Park
22 Garden Club and works daily to help maintain the Children's

1 Garden located in the Proksa Park's Teeter Center area; he has
2 been a continuous member of the local Parent Teacher
3 Association since 1958, and, along with his wife of 64 years,
4 Mary, takes a continued interest in the education of toddlers
5 through local college-age students; his expertise and
6 understanding of finance helped the Berwyn Park District
7 weather the financial downturn that affected the economy; he is
8 often quoted in the local paper for his comments and
9 suggestions made at local school, city, and other public
10 meetings; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek has been a member of the Kiwanis
12 Club of Berwyn since 1952 and is one of the few members that
13 can boast a perfect attendance record; during his tenure with
14 the Kiwanis Club of Berwyn, he has served as President,
15 Vice-President, Special Projects Chairman, and has served on
16 the Board of Directors numerous times; his tireless efforts in
17 helping to raise funds have allowed the club to donate more
18 than \$550,000 back to charities, agencies, and organizations in
19 the Berwyn area; this includes the donation of furnishings for
20 the community room at the Berwyn Public Library, donations to
21 the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, the Special Olympics, park
22 district programs, and many others; and

23 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek is a charter member of the Berwyn
24 Development Corporation since March 14, 1983 and has served as

1 President and Vice-President with distinction; he is also
2 involved in other civic organizations and groups such as the
3 All Berwyn Committee, where he serves on the Board of
4 Directors; he is a former member of the Berwyn Home Owners
5 Association and is an active member of the Democratic Committee
6 of Berwyn; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2011, Edward Karasek was awarded the
8 distinguished Commissioner of the Year award by the Illinois
9 Association of Park Districts at the annual conference in
10 Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek was employed with a Berwyn
12 automobile dealer and handled many of the office-related
13 business and finance duties; and

14 WHEREAS, Edward Karasek has indisputably made and
15 continues to make immeasurable differences in the quality of
16 life of the residents of the Berwyn Park District and the City
17 of Berwyn; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Edward Anton Karasek on his retirement from the
21 Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioners after 50 years, and
22 we wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Edward Karasek as an expression of our esteem and
4 respect.