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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Ronald J. Gunter on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Westmont Park District on May 31, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter was hired by the Westmont Park District on May 15, 1977 after graduating from George Williams College with a masters degree in park and recreation administration; he spent 6 years working in the recreation field to help pay for college; he has worked nearly 40 years at the Westmont Park District, 37 of those as Director; and

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WHEREAS, During Ronald Gunter's tenure, the District grew significantly; when he began, there were three parks and a community center; since that time, the District has added 14 neighborhood parks, a 9-hole golf course, a fitness and racquetball club, and a 36 acre community park; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter has served the community as a volunteer and coach; he has been a Rotarian for 32 years, a Lions Club member for 36 years, a SEASPAR Board member for 20 years, and a high school basketball coach for 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter has helped bring organizations,

1 municipal agencies, and service clubs together over his 40
2 years for the sole benefit of Westmont; he is a tireless
3 volunteer and advocate for the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter has served on numerous committees
5 throughout his years, including the 75th anniversary
6 committee, the 100th anniversary committee, and the Promote
7 Westmont Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter was an active member of the Illinois
9 Park & Recreation Association early in his career; and

10 WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter received the Citizen of the Year
11 Award in 1988, 1996, and 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter plans to stay involved in the
13 community through his role as Mayor of Westmont; and

14 WHEREAS, Ronald Gunter is husband to Antoinette "Toni";
15 father to Brad and Natalie; and a grandfather; he has managed
16 to remain hands-on and involved in all phases of family life,
17 especially with his grandkids, while leading an incredibly
18 active career in Westmont; and

19 WHEREAS, A retirement party will be held in Ronald Gunter's
20 honor on May 21, 2016; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Ronald J. Gunter on his retirement as Director of
4 the Westmont Park District and we wish him the best in all his
5 future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Ronald Gunter as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.