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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Steve Scholten on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Arlington Heights Park District; and

WHEREAS, Director Scholten has been the Executive Director of the Arlington Heights Park District since 2008; he has served as Executive Director of a park facility for over 32 years and has dedicated his 40-year career to the field of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, During Director Scholten's tenure, the Arlington Heights Park District has been assigned the high Aaa credit rating from Moody's Investors Services since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Director Scholten guided significant improvements at Frontier Park in 2014 using a \$400,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and a major overhaul of the Camelot Park Community Center using another grant from IDNR; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Director Scholten began the first major renovation of the Arlington Lakes Golf Course since its opening to the public many years ago, a renovation that will benefit

1 both golfers and the park district when the course re-opens in
2 July of 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, Director Scholten was instrumental in
4 establishing an inter-governmental agreement with the Mount
5 Prospect Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation
6 District to open the area's first dog park at Melas Park in
7 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Director Scholten has earned many awards during
9 his career; The Illinois Parks and Recreation Association
10 awarded him their Profesional Award in 2003, and the Robert
11 Artz Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Park District,
13 Director Scholten has always found time to fill leadership
14 positions with the local Chambers of Commerce, special
15 recreation associations, park foundations, the Illinois Park
16 and Recreation Association, and the National Recreation and
17 Park Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Director Scholten has a special love for the game
19 of basketball and officiated at the Illinois High School
20 Association State Championship game in 2009; he was inducted
21 into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
22 as an official in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, Director Scholten's retirement will be official
2 on July 1, 2016; 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 Steve Scholten on his retirement as Executive
6 Director of the Arlington Heights Park District, thank him for
7 his years of service to the park and recreation community, and
8 wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Director Scholten as an expression of our esteem
12 and respect.