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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor the tenure of our esteemed
4 colleague, State Representative and Assistant Majority Leader
5 John Bradley, and thank him for his dedicated service to our
6 State and Southern Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Bradley was born and raised in
8 Harrisburg, where he attended Harrisburg High School and earned
9 an A.S., A.A. from Southeastern Illinois College; he received
10 his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and
11 his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois at
12 Urbana-Champaign; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Bradley served his community as an
14 attorney, and as a member of the Williamson County Airport
15 Authority, the Southeastern Illinois College Alumni
16 Association, REDCO, Marion Rotary International, the Royalton
17 Lion's Club, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the National
18 Rifle Association, and Ducks Unlimited; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Bradley is a member of Christian
20 Covenant Fellowship in Carterville; he and his wife, Michelle,
21 have three children; over the years, his office staff has
22 helped thousands of constituents access State services and

1 navigate past government red tape; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bradley has been a strong advocate
3 for Southern Illinois; he worked to pass laws to combat
4 methamphetamine use in the region, create the Franklin County
5 Juvenile Meth Treatment Program, and protect the rights of
6 landowners; he championed the cause of the elderly and
7 struggling residents in leading the fight against large utility
8 rate increases and worked to ensure utility consumers across
9 the State received more than one billion dollars in rebates;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Economic development and jobs have been a major
12 priority for Representative Bradley; he was a leading voice in
13 the expansion of Route 13 in Williamson County, new highway
14 construction along Interstate 57, the creation of the Franklin
15 Regional Economic Development Corporation, efforts to benefit
16 the coal and fracking industries, and changes to the State
17 workers' compensation system and unemployment insurance
18 program to help protect employers and middle-class workers; and

19 WHEREAS, As Chairman of the House Revenue and Finance
20 Committee, Representative Bradley led the fight against a plan
21 by former Governor Rod Blagojevich to impose a massive tax
22 increase on businesses; his committee worked to stop hundreds
23 of bills that would increase spending or would allow new taxes

1 to become law; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bradley is an example of
3 dedication and tenacity to those who have served alongside him;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate and thank State Representative John Bradley for
8 his years of dedicated service; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Representative Bradley as an expression of our
11 respect and esteem, and with our best wishes for his future
12 success.