

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This Illinois House of Representatives has  
3 learned with a great mixture of emotions of Michael J.  
4 Mahoney's plans to retire as President of the highly  
5 respected John Howard Association; and

6 WHEREAS, As Michael J. Mahoney brings to a close a  
7 27-year term of service to this nationally regarded  
8 organization, there will a unique niche left to be filled;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Before the John Howard Association, Michael  
11 Mahoney served as a regional director and adult probation  
12 administrator with the National Council on Crime and  
13 Delinquency, as a juvenile institution administrator for the  
14 Illinois Department of Corrections and as a juvenile  
15 probation officer in Kentucky; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael J. Mahoney has won the respect and  
17 admiration of many while working as a tireless advocate for  
18 the rights and treatment of one of society's most unpopular  
19 sectors, the incarcerated; and

20 WHEREAS, Under usually adverse conditions, Michael J.  
21 Mahoney served on countless gubernatorial panels, legislative  
22 committees and national task forces to fight for humane  
23 treatment and the need for access to substance abuse  
24 treatment; and

25 WHEREAS, Michael J. Mahoney's expertise can be best  
26 acknowledged by noting that corrections officials in 43 other  
27 states and several foreign countries have sought his counsel  
28 and advice; and

29 WHEREAS, The quality of his work can best be measured by  
30 honors like the Morris J. Wexler Award, the Donald R.  
31 Hammergren Award and the E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement

1 Award; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his knowledge of the criminal  
3 justice system and passion for fairness, Michael J. Mahoney  
4 will always be remembered as a person who brought his Irish  
5 sense of humor and a major dose of good will to the task of  
6 solving the problems and challenges of our times; therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY  
9 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 Michael J. Mahoney be commended for demonstrating the true  
11 spirit of 18th Century Sheriff of Bedford, England, John  
12 Howard, and on behalf of all the people of Illinois he  
13 receive our profound thanks for a job well done; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Michael J. Mahoney as an expression of our  
17 esteem.