

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of  
3 the Illinois House of Representatives that Senior Pilot Gary  
4 "Ponch" McDonal will be retiring from the State of Illinois,  
5 Division of Aeronautics in December, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonal was born on December 9, 1945 in  
7 Centralia to Bert and Betty McDonal; his father, Bert, was  
8 also a pilot for the State and amassed over 30,000 hours of  
9 flight time; and

10 WHEREAS, He attended Centralia High School and Kaskaskia  
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, He has flown for the State of Illinois, Division  
13 of Aeronautics since January 1973; previously, he flew with  
14 Sun Airlines and Airgo; and

15 WHEREAS, He has 29 years of service in executive air  
16 transportation for the State of Illinois; he has flight time  
17 in excess of 20,000 hours; he has flown many State aircraft  
18 including: all single engine utility aircraft in the fleet;  
19 Cessna 320; Beechcraft Baron; Beechcraft Duke; King Air 90  
20 (2); King Air 200 (4); and King Air 350 (4); and

21 WHEREAS, He has flown for the gubernatorial  
22 administrations of Governor Walker, Governor Thompson,  
23 Governor Edgar and Governor Ryan; and

24 WHEREAS, His retirement will allow him to spend more time  
25 with his wife, Pat; his daughter, Dawn Moushon; his  
26 grandchildren, Cortni Williams and Bobby Williams and a new  
27 baby, Zane Ryan Moushon, due January 1, 2003; and his  
28 step-grandchild, Logan Moushon; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonal is an avid deer and turkey hunter;  
30 he built, shows, and tinkers with his 1923 "T" Bucket;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Senior Pilot Gary McDonal on his retirement  
5 and extend our sincere best wishes to him for health and  
6 happiness in the future; and

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Senior Pilot Gary McDonal with our regards.