

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to say farewell to Representative Ron  
4 Lawfer of the 74th District; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Lawfer was elected in 1992 and is  
6 now serving his fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly;  
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8 WHEREAS, Representative Lawfer has lived in northwestern  
9 Illinois all of his life; he and his wife, Pat, are the proud  
10 parents of five children; Ron and Pat were dairy farmers from  
11 1957 to 1987 and now reside in Stockton where they own and  
12 operate a grain farm; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Lawfer graduated from Stockton  
14 High School and the University of Illinois; he served as an  
15 infantry officer in Korea; after the military, he became  
16 involved with local government; he served as Wards Grove  
17 Township Supervisor for 8 years and served 10 years on the Jo  
18 Daviess County Board; and

19 WHEREAS, He was one of five Illinoisans appointed by  
20 Governor Jim Thompson to serve as a Commissioner of the  
21 Illinois Rural Bond Bank; he has been an active participant  
22 in economic development efforts as a member of the Overall  
23 Economic Development Committee for Jo Daviess County, and as  
24 a member of the Illinois Trade Mission to Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, He has been the recipient of many awards and  
26 honors including the "Voice of Employers Award" from the  
27 Management Association, the "Friend of Agriculture" from the  
28 Farm Bureau Activator, "the Master Farmer" award from the  
29 Prairie Farmer Magazine; he was named a top ranking freshmen  
30 legislator by Illinois Politics Magazine; he was the first  
31 recipient of the "Friends of Dairymen" award given by the

1 Illinois Milk Producers' Association for his legislative  
2 achievements, which included changes in how fines are levied  
3 for adulterated milk; he received the Governor's "Legislative  
4 Friend of Tourism" award; in 1998, the Association of  
5 Illinois Electric Cooperatives chose him to receive their  
6 Public Service Award for service to the rural electrification  
7 program; and

8 WHEREAS, He worked to ensure that Adkins Energy LLC near  
9 Lena, the first functioning farmer-owned ethanol plant in  
10 Illinois, became a reality; in addition, he was an alternate  
11 co-sponsor and supported the creation of the Illinois  
12 AgriFIRST program; and he was a supporter of the Council on  
13 Food and Agricultural Research; and

14 WHEREAS, Currently, he is serving as minority spokesman  
15 for the Agriculture & Conservation committee, and  
16 vice-spokesman for both the Appropriations-Elementary &  
17 Secondary Education committee, and the Tourism committee; he  
18 also serves on committees for Counties and Townships,  
19 Environment & Energy, and Aging; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Lawfer looks forward to using his  
21 experience to continue to serve as a "Citizen Legislator" for  
22 his Northwest Illinois district; he plans to retire and spend  
23 his time concentrating on his grain farm and his 9  
24 grandchildren; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
27 we thank Representative Ron Lawfer for his hard work and  
28 dedication to the people of the State of Illinois and wish  
29 him well in his future endeavors; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Representative Ron Lawfer as an expression of  
32 our respect and esteem.