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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mark A. Pfister on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Lake  
5 County Health Department and Community Health Center  
6 (LCHD/CHC); and

7           WHEREAS, Mark Pfister received his Bachelor of Arts in  
8 Biology, Environmental Science, and Psychology from Augustana  
9 College in May 1986 and his Master of Science in Energy and  
10 Sustainability, specializing in Limnology and Environmental  
11 Science, from Indiana University School of Public and  
12 Environmental Affairs in August 1991; he is currently a  
13 doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois Chicago  
14 School of Public Health; and

15           WHEREAS, Mark Pfister has served as a public health  
16 professional and ecologist for LCHD/CHC since 1991, initially  
17 working as an aquatic biologist and the coordinator of the  
18 Lakes Management Program under the LCHD/CHC's Environmental  
19 Health Services (EHS) until 2005; he proceeded to serve as  
20 associate director of EHS from 2005 to 2009 and then as its  
21 interim director from 2009 to 2010; he became director of  
22 Prevention and Population Health Services in 2010, holding  
23 that position until he was named interim executive director of

1 LCHD/CHC in 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, Mark Pfister has served as executive director of  
3 LCHD/CHC since January 2017; during his tenure, he led over 60  
4 separately funded public health, behavioral health, and  
5 medical programs performed by approximately 1,000 employees at  
6 over 20 locations in Lake County while maintaining fiscal  
7 responsibility over several multimillion-dollar budgets; he  
8 reorganized and centralized quality improvement,  
9 organizational development, finance, grant management, and  
10 public health informatics, and he restructured the agency  
11 quality management system; he revamped the LCHD/CHC strategic  
12 planning process and required alignment to the Lake County  
13 community health improvement plan and proposed changes to the  
14 agency vision and mission to address the social determinants  
15 of health and promote a health equity lens; he also worked  
16 tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety  
17 and care of all residents of Lake County; and

18 WHEREAS, Mark Pfister belongs to several organizations,  
19 including as the policy and legislative chair and a past  
20 executive council member of the Illinois Public Health  
21 Association and as a board member of the Illinois Primary  
22 Healthcare Association and the Northern Illinois Public Health  
23 Consortium; he is also a member of the American Public Health  
24 Association; and

1           WHEREAS, Mark Pfister will retire from LCHD/CHC after more  
2 than 30 years of service on September 1, 2024; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate Mark Pfister on his retirement as executive  
6 director of the Lake County Health Department and Community  
7 Health Center, and we thank him for his commitment and  
8 dedication to the community and the State of Illinois; and be  
9 it further

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