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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jeff Fougrousse on the  
4 occasion of his retirement from the Vernon Hills Park  
5 District; and

6           WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse has dedicated over 40 years of  
7 his life to Illinois parks and recreation, serving most  
8 recently as executive director of the Vernon Hills Park  
9 District since 2009; prior to that, he served as executive  
10 director of the Morton Grove Park District from 2000 to 2009  
11 and as superintendent of Recreation & Facilities from 1987 to  
12 2000; and

13           WHEREAS, During his 15-year tenure as executive director,  
14 Jeff Fougrousse exponentially grew the revenue of the Vernon  
15 Hills Park District by obtaining Open Space Lands Acquisition  
16 and Development (OSLAD), Park and Recreational Facilities  
17 Construction (PARC), and Capital grants; under his leadership,  
18 the Vernon Hills Park District has been recognized as an  
19 Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Distinguished  
20 Agency since 2006 and has expanded to include the Lakeview  
21 Fitness Center, the splash pad to the Turtle Creek Waterpark,  
22 a new park maintenance facility, a new skate park, and other  
23 features; and

1           WHEREAS, Throughout his parks and recreation career, Jeff  
2 Fougrousse has built valuable and collaborative relationships  
3 with local, county, state, and federal elected officials,  
4 initiated collaborations for local officials to meet regularly  
5 to identify needs within the community, and increased the  
6 number of successful intergovernmental agreements; and

7           WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse has belonged to a number of  
8 professional organizations; he has been a member of the IPRA  
9 since 1981, serving as a past chairman of the board in 1999 and  
10 again in 2019 and on the IPRA Joint Conference Committee from  
11 1994 to 1999, serving as chairman in 1999; in addition, he has  
12 authored several articles for the IPRA magazine; he has  
13 previously served as chairman of the Chicagoland Park  
14 Directors' Association in 2001; he has also been a member of  
15 the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) since  
16 1986 and on the board of directors of the Maine Niles  
17 Association of Special Recreation since 2000; and

18           WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse has worked tirelessly to advance  
19 the parks and recreation industry while participating in a  
20 variety of organizations, including his local YMCA, the  
21 Mundelein & Vernon Hills Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the  
22 Special Recreation District, the American Youth Soccer  
23 Organization, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life,

1 the National Community Solutions Association for Homeless  
2 Individuals, and the American Brain Tumor Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse has been awarded numerous  
4 honors, including receiving the NRPA Gold Medal in 2021 and  
5 being named the IAPD Honored Professional of the Year in 2022;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse, a certified park and recreation  
8 professional, possesses a Master of Business Administration  
9 from Aurora University and a Bachelor of Science from Illinois  
10 State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Jeff Fougrousse and his wife are current  
12 residents of Arlington Heights; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate Jeff Fougrousse on his retirement from the  
16 Vernon Hills Park District, and we wish him all the best in his  
17 future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented Jeff Fougrousse as a symbol of our esteem and  
20 respect.