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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Omer Osman on his
4 retirement and commend him for his decades of service to the
5 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), his community,
6 and his country; and

7 WHEREAS, Omer Osman joined IDOT in 1989 as a civil
8 engineer before rising through the ranks of the department,
9 serving as bureau chief of operations, Region 5 engineer,
10 chief engineer, director of highways, and deputy secretary
11 before being appointed Illinois Transportation Secretary in
12 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, Omer Osman is just the third secretary to spend
14 their entire career with the agency before being appointed
15 secretary; and

16 WHEREAS, Omer Osman's vast experience in transportation
17 includes the management and advancement of complex projects
18 and the assessment of current resources to inform funding and
19 programmatic needs to create a multimodal system for the 21st
20 century; and

21 WHEREAS, Omer Osman fostered a culture of innovation and

1 stressed the importance of IDOT leading the nation in best
2 practices, including programs and initiatives that positioned
3 the agency as one of the most innovative departments of
4 transportation in the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Omer Osman led IDOT through the majority of the
6 six-year Rebuild Illinois, Gov. JB Pritzker's historic,
7 bipartisan capital program investing a total of \$33.2 billion
8 into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs
9 and promoting economic growth as not only the largest capital
10 program in state history but also the first to touch all modes
11 of transportation, including roads and bridges, transit,
12 waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle
13 and pedestrian accommodations; and

14 WHEREAS, Omer Osman oversaw the completion of many notable
15 projects during his tenure, including the new Mississippi
16 River bridge and relocation of Illinois 3 in East St. Louis,
17 the Interstate 74/155 interchange reconstruction in Morton,
18 the Illinois 13 expansion between Carbondale and Interstate 57
19 in Marion, the rehabilitation of the U.S. 150 Illinois River
20 bridge in Peoria, and the I-74 Mississippi River bridge in the
21 Quad Cities; and

22 WHEREAS, Omer Osman steered IDOT through the COVID-19
23 pandemic, keeping the department open, projects continuing,

1 and the economy moving; and

2 WHEREAS, Omer Osman has been a lifelong champion of
3 diversity, playing an integral part in statewide recruitment
4 efforts to diversify personnel in all state job
5 classifications as well as advocating for eliminating barriers
6 and increasing access to IDOT partnerships with Disadvantaged
7 Business Enterprises and minority and female-owned businesses;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Omer Osman, in addition to his commitment to
10 IDOT, volunteered his time, talents, and skills to the
11 American Association of State Highway and Transportation
12 Officials policy and highway committees; and

13 WHEREAS, Omer Osman has been a devoted husband to his
14 wife, Magda, and a loving father to their children, Khalid,
15 Waleed, and Nadeen; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Omer Osman on his retirement and commend him
19 for his decades of service to IDOT, his community, and his
20 country; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Omer Osman as a symbol of our esteem and respect.