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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate William McNary on the occasion of his retirement;

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WHEREAS, William McNary has most recently served as the co-director for Citizen Action Illinois, the State's largest public interest organization with an ambitious agenda that includes the fight for workers' rights, advancing public education funding, utility rate and insurance rate reform, environmental safety, and protecting consumers from unfair predatory loan practices; he previously served as the legislative director for Citizen Action Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, William McNary has also been serving as the legislative chair of the Responsible Budget Coalition, a coalition dedicated to making the Illinois tax structure fairer in order to provide the revenues needed to create jobs, educate our children, and provide for health care, human services, and public safety; and

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WHEREAS, William McNary was one of the founding members of Health Care for America Now!, the largest national grassroots health care coalition, which campaigned for the successful passage of the Affordable Care Act that was signed into law by

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1 President Obama; and

2 WHEREAS, William McNary has been appointed by two Illinois  
3 governors, the Illinois Attorney General, the Cook County  
4 Board President, and other State constitutional officers to  
5 serve on several state boards, task forces, and transition  
6 teams; and

7 WHEREAS, William McNary served as the founding president  
8 of USAction, one of the nation's largest coalitions of  
9 progressive grassroots organizations; he served as a surrogate  
10 speaker for President Barack Obama in his first run for  
11 president, was elected as an Obama delegate, and served as  
12 Illinois convention floor whip at the Democratic National  
13 Convention in Denver in 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, William McNary served as the senior policy  
15 advisor for Public Campaign, an organization that promoted  
16 public financing of elections to fix a broken campaign finance  
17 system; he was appointed by former Governor Pat Quinn to serve  
18 on the Illinois Task Force for Campaign Finance Reform; and

19 WHEREAS, William McNary currently serves on the board of  
20 the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, an organization  
21 that promotes tax fairness; he also serves on the board of the  
22 Environmental Law and Policy Center, which promotes

1 environmental progress through economic development and jobs;  
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3 WHEREAS, William McNary worked with the Rainbow/Push  
4 Coalition since 1996, where he directed voter registration and  
5 get out the vote efforts in the Black community; therefore, be  
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate  
9 William McNary on his retirement and wish him the best in all  
10 his future endeavours; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to William McNary as a symbol of our respect and  
13 esteem.