

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Juvenito "Ben" Fajardo,  
4 Mayor of the Village of Glendale Heights, Illinois, on his  
5 retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, Juvenito Fajardo came to the United States in  
7 1973 after martial law was declared in the Philippines in  
8 1972; he moved from Chicago to Glendale Heights in 1979; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Fajardo was elected a Village Trustee in  
10 1989, after receiving the encouragement of the Mayor of  
11 Glendale Heights; his objectives as Trustee were to keep the  
12 village taxes low, keeping the village finances in check,  
13 encouraging businesses to move to Glendale Heights, and  
14 addressing relevant issues such as gangs, drugs, and crime;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In 1990 Juvenito Fajardo was appointed Deputy  
17 Mayor; he was re-elected Village Trustee in 1993; he was  
18 selected by the Board as Acting Village President in 1994;  
19 and he was elected Village President in 1995 to serve the  
20 unexpired term; on April 1, 1997 he was re-elected Village  
21 President (Mayor), with more than 63% of the vote; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Fajardo is the first Asian-American  
23 elected mayor of a municipality in DuPage County; and

24 WHEREAS, As Mayor, Juvenito Fajardo has overseen the  
25 enclosure of the former Armitage Ditch; made significant  
26 improvements to Camera Park, including a bike trail; saw the  
27 building of a new Public Services facility, an Aquatics Park  
28 and a new gymnasium at the Sports Hub, and a Civic Center;  
29 achieved police department renovations and an expansion to  
30 the department; North Avenue utility extensions and  
31 additional water storage tanks for the village were brought

1 about under his leadership; and Glendale Lakes Golf Club and  
2 Fonte Gazebo have come about while Mr. Fajardo has served the  
3 village; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Fajardo has received many awards,  
5 including VFW Man of the Year in 1995, Most Outstanding  
6 Filipino in the Midwest Public Service by the Cavite  
7 Association, and a Community Service Award from the  
8 Asian-American Coalition of Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Juvenito Fajardo is married to the former  
10 Adeline Acosta; they have four children, B.J., Julie, Tony,  
11 and Melissa, and two grandchildren; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Juvenito "Ben" Fajardo on his retirement as  
15 Mayor of the Village of Glendale Heights, Illinois; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Mayor Juvenito Fajardo, along with our sincere  
19 regards.