

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, William "Bill" Cornman who served as Mayor of
3 the City of Litchfield since 1997 is retiring from that
4 position; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman was born in Herculaneum, Missouri,
6 and attended elementary school in St. Louis, Missouri; in
7 1951 he graduated from high school in Mayfield, Kentucky; and

8 WHEREAS, After his graduation from high school, Mr.
9 Cornman joined the United States Air Force and served in
10 Korea from 1951 to 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman earned a Bachelor of Science degree
12 in 1957 from Murray State University and in 1961 he earned a
13 Master of Science degree; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman started a 36 year career in
15 education in 1957 in Litchfield, Illinois; he retired from
16 the school district in 1992; he worked as an insurance
17 adjuster for two years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman has been an active and energetic
19 civic leader in Litchfield for many years; he was a Housing
20 Inspector and the Administrator of Housing Rehabilitation for
21 two and one-half years; Mr. Cornman was instrumental in
22 obtaining over \$1,000,000 in grants for the Housing
23 Rehabilitation Program and obtained \$64,000 for refurbishing
24 the Litchfield Carnegie Library; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman served as the City of Litchfield's
26 Director of Economic Development for two years; he worked
27 toward retaining the City's business and industry and
28 recruiting new businesses and industries to the City; Mr.
29 Cornman saw the expansion of Schutt Manufacturing, Data
30 Manufacturing, and the Morton Buildings; he also witnessed
31 the construction and development of Lincoln Land Community

1 College, the Westside Factory Outlet Mall, and Rural King;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman has also served the City of
4 Litchfield with honor and distinction as an alderman, a
5 member of the Hospital Advisory Board, as a member of the
6 Elmwood Cemetery Board, and as a Little League Baseball
7 coach; and

8 WHEREAS, He is also a member of the Illinois Association
9 of School Administrators, the Illinois Association of School
10 Business Officials, the American Association of School
11 Administrators, the National Association of Partners in
12 Education, the Illinois Volunteer Association, and the
13 Litchfield Chamber of Commerce; he is President of the Rotary
14 Club of Litchfield and is Deacon of First Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, William Cornman is married to the former Jauan
16 Whitlow of Mayfield, Kentucky; their union has been blessed
17 with two sons, Wayne and Glenn; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman is the proud grandfather of six
19 grandchildren and will soon be a great-grandfather; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Cornman has made many other noble
21 contributions to his community and has been dedicated the
22 youth of Litchfield; and

23 WHEREAS, Retirement will offer Mr. Cornman more time to
24 pursue his favorite hobbies of golf, woodworking, and
25 woodcarving; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-
27 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
28 congratulate William Cornman on his retirement and wish him
29 well in the future; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. William Cornman with our best wishes.