

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ray Willas
6 retired from his duties as mayor of Harwood Heights this
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, Ray Willas was born on March 17, 1932 to John
9 and Agnes Willas; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Willas attended St. Fidelis Elementary
11 School and graduated from Tuley High School and Wright Junior
12 College; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Willas served in the Korean War from 1952
14 through 1954 as an engineer in the Corps of Engineers; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Willas previously worked as the Finance
16 Director of C.F.S. Continental Coffee and L. Karp & Sons; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Willas has been a resident of Harwood
18 Heights since 1964; during this time he has served in many
19 civic positions including, as a member of the Harwood Heights
20 Zoning Board of Appeals by appointment of Mayor Patrick Arbor
21 in 1966, as a member of the Fire Commission for the Norwood
22 Park Fire Protection District, as a Village Trustee in
23 1968-1969 and 1971-1973, and as Mayor since 1973; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition, Mayor Willas served as President of
25 the Leyden-Norwood Park Municipal League from 1975 through
26 1977, as President of the West Central Municipal League from
27 1988 through 1989, and as a 12-year member of the Illinois
28 Municipal League Board; and

29 WHEREAS, Mayor Willas plans to spend his retirement with
30 his loving and very proud family who include his wife

1 Barbara, his daughter, Mary Kay (husband, Gary) Pawlak, and
2 his grandchildren, Andrew, Brian, and Kaitlin; in addition he
3 will partake in his favorite hobbies which include restoring
4 Corvettes, gun collecting, inventing gadgets, flying, and
5 restoring model trains for his grandchildren; therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Ray Willas on his retirement from his duties
10 as Mayor of Harwood Heights and we wish him well in all of
11 his future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Mayor Ray Willas as an expression of our esteem.