

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 Thomas L.
6 Johnson is retiring as a Representative at the end of the
7 92nd General Assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was born on April 30,
9 1945 in Oakland, California; and

10 WHEREAS, He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the
11 University of Michigan in 1970 and a Juris Doctor's degree
12 from DePaul University in 1974; and

13 WHEREAS, He is a U.S. Army veteran and served in Vietnam
14 from 1966 to 1968 and was honorably discharged at the rank of
15 SP5; and

16 WHEREAS, He is an attorney with the law firm of Johnson,
17 Westra, Broecker, Whittaker and Newitt, P.C., a firm that he
18 founded in 1979; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was a former prosecutor
20 and has served as a Representative in the General Assembly
21 from the 50th Representative District since 1993; and

22 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the General Assembly he has
23 served as a member of the Judiciary II, Labor and Commerce,
24 and the Elementary and Secondary Appropriations Committees;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, He chaired the Judiciary II Committee from 1995
27 to 1997; and

28 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson has sponsored legislation
29 to require criminals to pay full restitution to their

1 victims, sponsored truth-in-sentencing legislation requiring
2 certain criminals to serve 85% of their time in prison,
3 supported legislation to add a minimum of 15 years to the
4 sentence of anyone convicted of a crime using a firearm or
5 other deadly weapon, supported tuition tax credits for
6 Illinois taxpayers whose children are enrolled in parochial
7 schools, supported tougher child pornography laws, sponsored
8 legislation to reduce the DUI intoxication level to .08, and
9 helped pass the Sex Offender Registration Act; and

10 WHEREAS, He co-chaired the bipartisan Prison Reform
11 Committee to investigate and reform the Illinois Prison
12 System; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson's expertise will be
14 sorely missed by this House; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Representative Thomas L. Johnson on many
18 years of public service and especially his 10 year tenure in
19 this House and we wish him the best of luck on his future
20 endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
22 presented to Representative Thomas L. Johnson.