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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to say farewell to State Representative Dan Rutherford of the 87th District, who has served in the House since 1993 and has served as Assistant Republican Leader since 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments, he served as chairperson of the Long Term Care Funding Task Force, which resulted in the law to rewrite the reimbursement formula for nursing homes in Illinois; he negotiated and sponsored the legislation that sets guidelines for vegetation management by utility companies on private lands and government property; he served as chairperson of the House Republican Tax Relief Task Force, which resulted in legislation that provided hundreds of millions of dollars in tax relief to the citizens of Illinois; he helped craft and co-sponsored the resolution which encouraged humanitarian trade with Cuba for food and medicine, which helped encourage the Governor's humanitarian mission to Cuba in which he participated; and

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WHEREAS, He is a successful businessman in the private sector, not a career politician; he is known for bringing diverse interests and parties together for consensus on difficult issues; and

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WHEREAS, He has organized the regular new member briefings for incoming House Republicans; and

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WHEREAS, He has received numerous awards and recognition during his tenure in the House of Representatives; he received the Champion of Free Enterprise recognition from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in 2002; he was named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois Health Care Association in 2002; he received the "Job Defender" Award from the Employment Law Council Political Action Committee in 2001; he was named Legislator of the Year by the Association of Illinois Soil

1 and Water Conservation Districts in 2001; was named  
2 Legislator of the Year by the Illinois Young Republicans in  
3 1998; he was named Outstanding Legislator by the Illinois  
4 Hospital and Health Systems Association in 1996; he  
5 represented Illinois at the Emerging Political Leaders  
6 Conference at Darden Management School, University of  
7 Virginia in 1996; he was named Legislator of the Year by the  
8 Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of  
9 Illinois in 1995; he was recognized by the Illinois  
10 Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions for  
11 outstanding service; he was named Legislator of the Year in  
12 1995 by the Association of Community Mental Health  
13 Authorities of Illinois; he was awarded the Certificate of  
14 Appreciation for hard work and dedication to Illinois  
15 Veterans in 1994; he was named Outstanding Freshmen  
16 Legislator by the Illinois Health Care Association in 1993;  
17 he was recognized by the Illinois Department of Corrections  
18 for support of Corrections in 1993; and he was consistently  
19 awarded the Friend of Agriculture award by ACTIVATOR of the  
20 Illinois Farm Bureau; and

21 WHEREAS, We wish Dan Rutherford well as he joins the  
22 Illinois Senate in January 2003; while we know he is looking  
23 forward to bringing his expertise and perspective to the  
24 Senate, we will miss him in the House of Representatives;  
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we thank Representative Dan Rutherford for all of his hard  
29 work and dedication to the House of Representatives, the  
30 institution, and his colleagues, both Democrats and  
31 Republicans, and especially the people of the State of  
32 Illinois; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 delivered to Representative Dan Rutherford as an expression  
2 of our esteem.