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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Brian Keith Leonard Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from Ameren Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to his 45-year career in the utility industry, Brian Leonard attended East St. Louis Lincoln High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Math and Physical Education with a minor in Health Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1979; he later graduated from the Ameren Illinois Fellows Program in 2007 and the McKinsey Black Leadership Academy in 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Leonard began working as a meter reader-groundman for Central Illinois Public Service, known today as Ameren Illinois, in Charleston in 1980; since then, he has served the company in many roles, including as a gas meter repairman, a customer service representative in Mattoon, a superintendent in Shelbyville, and as a public affairs representative and lobbyist; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Leonard was promoted to assistant regional manager of the Metro-East Region in Illinois, where he was responsible for day-to-day operations of electric and gas utility business; he later began serving as assistant manager

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1 of the Gateway Division in 2001, overseeing electric  
2 operations and energy delivery for St. Louis; he became  
3 director of Community Relations for Ameren Illinois in 2007,  
4 managing programs to strengthen relationships with business  
5 customers and communities; he proceeded to be selected to lead  
6 Ameren's Corporate Contributions and Community Initiative  
7 Department in 2009, focusing on customer satisfaction,  
8 nonprofit partnerships, and municipal engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, Brian Leonard was promoted to senior director of  
10 Government and Community Relations for Ameren Illinois in  
11 2018, where he was responsible for managing relations with the  
12 Illinois General Assembly, constitutional officers, executive  
13 branch agencies, and staff, overseeing government relations,  
14 community relations, and philanthropic initiatives statewide,  
15 and directing efforts to translate company positions into  
16 supportive government policies, regulations, and statutes; and

17 WHEREAS, Brian Leonard currently serves on the board of  
18 the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, and he has served on the  
19 boards of Quincy College and Heat Up St. Louis; and

20 WHEREAS, Brian Leonard is the husband of Monique Leonard  
21 and the father of Brian Jr., Natasha, and Jimmie "Jay" III;  
22 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate Brian Keith Leonard Sr. on his retirement from  
4 Ameren Illinois, and we wish him continued success in his  
5 future endeavors; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Brian Leonard as a symbol of our esteem and  
8 respect.