

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKS TO FLOYD CUNNINGHAM

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to a distinguished public servant in southern Illinois, Mr. Floyd E. Cunningham.

Floyd Cunningham retired late last year from his position as administrator of Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc., an organization which he has guided with a steady hand and caring heart since its inception in 1970. During his many years of faithful service to community mental health services, Floyd's talent and commitment earned him numerous

awards, including being named Southern Illinois District Social Worker of the Year in 1990. His distinguished career was ultimately put in proper perspective with his selection as a most worthy recipient of the 1995 Illinois Association of Community Mental Health Agencies Lifetime Achievement Award.

To list all of the various leadership positions which Floyd has accepted to further the cause he cares for so deeply would require more time and space than we are allowed today. Let me simply say that in the field of community mental health in southern Illinois, and indeed across the entire State, there is no one held in higher regard nor who will be more sorely missed than Floyd Cunningham.

His efforts over the years have helped make our communities better places to live, work,

and call home. He has helped us see each other as unique and special people, while at the same time reminding us all we have in common with our fellow man and of the many hopes and dreams we share with each other.

We know that someone of his talent and concern will not allow us to go it alone—we know we'll hear more from Floyd and be able to depend on his time and energy in countless ways in the future. But today, we are privileged to have this opportunity to thank him for the long hours, the tough decisions, and the care and concern he brought to doing his best for the people who depended on him.

Thank you, Floyd, for all you've done, and we wish you continued success and happiness in the future.

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