

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of this body are pleased to  
3 recognize Illinois citizens who have distinguished themselves  
4 in service to their community and this State; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Sargei Hoteko  
6 has announced his retirement as Chief Inspector for Chicago's  
7 O'Hare International Airport; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoteko joined the U.S. Customs Service in  
9 1975; he served in the U.S. Army and is a former police  
10 officer for Lake Forest, Illinois; in 1982, he was promoted  
11 to a first line supervisor and in 1983 was promoted to a  
12 second line manager; in 1986, he was detailed to the North  
13 Central Region to coordinate the 10th Pan American Games in  
14 Indianapolis and the 15th Winter Olympic Games in Calgary,  
15 Alberta, Canada; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoteko returned to the District office in  
17 1988 as the chief inspector for the contraband enforcement  
18 team and served in that capacity until 1990 when he was  
19 appointed as the chief inspector for passenger processing at  
20 O'Hare International Airport's new International Terminal  
21 Five; he also served as coordinator, for all the federal  
22 agencies during the formulation and construction of O'Hare's  
23 new international arrivals building, terminal five that  
24 opened in May, 1993; in 1995, when he was Chairman of the  
25 Port Quality Improvement Committee, O'Hare International  
26 Airport reduced passenger through time to under forty-five  
27 minutes; in 1996, he was given the O'Hare International  
28 Airport's Wings of Vision Award which was given for  
29 outstanding leadership at O'Hare Airport; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoteko was appointed the passenger process  
31 owner when U.S. Customs underwent a major restructuring in  
32 1995 and served in that position until June, 1999; he was

1 then placed in charge of the enforcement operations branch  
2 that is comprised of the outbound unit, canine unit, and  
3 anti-smuggling unit within the port of Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoteko has also served as an international  
5 narcotics interdiction and anti-terrorism instructor all over  
6 the world; he has completed multiple training assignments in  
7 Pakistan, Indonesia, the USSR, Aruba, Mexico, Barbados,  
8 Denmark, Bolivia, Saudi Arabia, India, Qatar, the  
9 Philippines, Nigeria, China, The Russian Republic, and  
10 Macedonia; he also served as a short-term advisor to  
11 Pakistani Customs to establish a contraband enforcement team  
12 at the Port of Karachi, Pakistan; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1991, he was elected the sole, service wide  
14 "supervisor of the year" by assistant commissioner Charles  
15 Winwood; in 1994, he had the honor and privilege to accompany  
16 President Clinton on an official visit to Belgium, the Czech  
17 Republic, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, and Switzerland; he  
18 received the commissioner's unit citation in 1998 for record  
19 narcotic enforcement activity at O'Hare Airport that year;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoteko has served his country in numerous  
22 ways and has the respect and admiration of all those he has  
23 served; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we thank Sargei Hoteko as he retires as Chief Inspector for  
27 Anti-Smuggling of O'Hare International Airport and extend our  
28 sincere best wishes to him for health and happiness in the  
29 future; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Sargei Hoteko as an expression of our respect  
32 and esteem.