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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Kevin Stein on being named Poet Laureate for the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stein is the author of five books of poetry, two scholarly books, and numerous poems published in prestigious journals and anthologies; he coauthored the book Illinois Voices, an anthology of twentieth century Illinois poetry; he attracted a broad audience of readers, both within the State and on a national level, with his poems that draw from his personal experiences, both historical and current, and have been described as being "evocative journeys into the drama of the human condition"; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stein was the recipient of the 1987 Frederick Bock Price awarded by "Poetry", the 1992 Devins Award for Poetry, the 1998 Indiana Review Poetry Award, and he was a nominee for the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stein is a recognized teacher and the creative writing program director at Bradley University; in recognition of his accomplishments as poet, critic, editor, and teacher, he has received the University's highest honors including being named the 1989 Faculty Member of the Year, receiving the Samuel Rothberg Award for Professional Excellence, and receiving the 2000 Caterpillar Professor of English Award; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stein has a proven ability to organize poetry readings and symposia; he has directed Bradley University's Visiting Writer Series since 1984; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Kevin Stein on being named Poet Laureate for

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1 the State of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Dr. Kevin Stein as an expression of our respect
4 and esteem.